

## **SELECT COMMITTEE ON COVID-19**

**19 JUNE 2020**

### **Attorney-General's Department**

**Senator Stirling Griff asked the following question on 19 June 2020:**

Can the Department advise:

1. The Attorney-General has increased the debt threshold required for a creditor's petition in bankruptcy from \$5,000 to \$20,000 in order to stop people losing their homes over comparatively small debts.
  - a. Is the Attorney-General considering maintaining this as a permanent threshold beyond September 2020?
  - b. If so, when will a final decision be made, and if not, why not?

**The response to the honourable Senator's question is as follows:**

The Government is considering how best to respond to the impacts of COVID-19 beyond the temporary measures currently in place, including with respect to the \$5,000 bankruptcy threshold.