

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**  
**Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice**  
**Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearings October 2016**  
**Communications Portfolio**  
**Department of Communications and the Arts**

**Question No: 41**

**Program 1.1**

**Hansard Ref: Written, 27/10/2016**

**Topic: Productivity Commission's inquiry into Australia's intellectual property arrangements**

**Senator Carr, Kim asked:**

1. Regarding the Productivity Commission's inquiry into Australia's intellectual property arrangements:
  - (a) What contribution did the Department make to this inquiry? Please provide a detailed account of any input.
  - (b) What book industry input did the Department seek regarding this inquiry? Please provide a detailed account of any input sought and provided.

**Answer:**

1.
  - (a) The Department of Communications and the Arts made a submission to the Productivity Commission Issues Paper on 22 April 2016. A copy of the Department's submission is available on the Productivity Commission website at:  
<http://www.pc.gov.au/inquiries/completed/intellectual-property/submissions>.  
The Department also met with representatives of the Productivity Commission during the course of the inquiry, mainly to provide technical assistance on the *Copyright Act 1968*.
  - (b) The Productivity Commission is an independent research and advisory body. Individuals and organisations within the book industry were able to provide input directly to the Productivity Commission.