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Topic: Productivity Commissions Report – Intellectual Property Arrangements

Senator Bilyk, Catryna asked:

PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION REPORT INTO AUSTRALIA'S INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ARRANGEMENTS provided to government on 2 September 2016

1. When will the final report be released and when will Government provide a response to the report?
2. What advice, preliminary or otherwise, has been provided by the Department to the Minister on the report?
3. Have any costings been undertaken or planned into the effect on the Australian economy and/or Australian artists of the implementation of each recommendation relating to intellectual property, including the potential for development of copyrights from one form to another (i.e., a book into a play; film into a musical)?

Answer:

1. Under the *Productivity Commission Act 1998* the government is required to table the Productivity Commission's final report in each House of the Parliament within 25 sitting of its receipt (on 23 September 2016). The government will carefully consider the recommendations of the final report and respond in due course.
2. The Department has provided ongoing advice to the Minister on copyright matters related to the report.
3. The Department understands the Productivity Commission undertook a range of analysis, including economic analysis, in developing its report.