

**Economics Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** IP AUSTRALIA

**TOPIC:** Advisory Council on Intellectual Property

**REFERENCE:** Written Question – Senator Wright

**QUESTION No.:** BI-81

In relation to the statement issued by the Advisory Council on Intellectual Property (ACIP) on 1 June 2015 regarding Innovation Patents, specifically that “consider abolishing the system.” How is the Government responding to this recommendation and what are the timeframes for a response?

**ANSWER**

The Australian Government is considering ACIP’s statement along with its report on the *Review of the Innovation Patent System*, which was published on 16 June 2014. The Government will be undertaking further consultation on this matter to assist in formulating a response.