

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

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**Senator:** Senator the Hon Jan McLucas

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**Question:**

Given that there is a very significant overrepresentation of indigenous people in the criminal justice system, could you explain why there is currently no process in place to develop the new justice target that the Coalition publicly supported prior to the election?

**Answer:**

The Department is providing advice to the Minister about the most appropriate approach to drive improvements in justice and community safety.