

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS  
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

**Group 3**

**Program 1.6**

**Question No. 142**

**Senator Rhiannon asked the following question at the hearing on 24 February 2014:**

- 1) Has the National Action Plan, required for countries to become members of the Open Government Partnership, been completed?
  - i. If not will it be completed in time to be submitted to the April 2014 meeting of the Steering Committee of the Open Government Partnership?
- 2) Was or is the National Action Plan being developed through a government civil society partnership?
  - i. If yes what civil society groups have the government engaged with?
  - ii. If no what plans does the government have to meet these criteria to join the Open Government Partnership?
- 3) If Australia fails to complete the National Action Plan in time for the April meeting of the Steering Committee of the Open Government Partnership will the government recommence work to join the Partnership?

**The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:**

- 1) No.
  - (i) No.
- 2) The development of an action plan by Australia is under consideration by the Government.
  - (i) Not necessary to answer because of the answer to 2).
  - (ii) Not necessary to answer because of the answer to 2).
- 3) The membership of the Open Government Partnership by Australia is under consideration by the Government.