

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

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Senator Rhiannon asked the following written question from the 24 February and 27 March 2015 hearings:

1. Last year, the Senate Standing Committees on Legal and Constitutional Affairs reviewed the government's Freedom of Information Amendment bill. Of the 32 submissions received by the committee, not a single one supported the proposed changes outlined in the Bill:
 - a. Was the community response to the FOI amendment bill and the new OAIC changes considered by the government in proceeding with the changes?
 - b. Has the OAIC had any other feedback or complaints from the community about the changes? Please outline what kind of feedback you have received?

The Attorney-General's Department's answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

The detail of the Bill was a matter for Government.

The Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee tabled its report on the legislation on 25 November 2014. The central recommendation of the Committee was that the legislation is passed, with amendments. There was a dissenting report.

The Government is considering the Committee's report.