

SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE  
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**Question No. 233**

**Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 14 February 2006:**

Regarding the release of the new 'Thesaurus of Australian Government Subjects' (TAGS):

- a) Has the OPC altered its website or any other publication, electronic or printed, as a result of the release of TAGS?
- b) Does the OPC have any plans to alter its website or any other publication, electronic or printed, as a result of the release of TAGS?
- c) If so, could you provide a list of the changes that have been made to the website or any other publication, electronic or printed, as a result of the release of TAGS or – if they have not been completed – the changes that are planned, and when they are intended to be made?
- d) If not, why not?
- e) Has the OPC or agency distributed TAGS to its staff?
- f) Has the OPC begun using TAGS as a guide to developing its website or any other publication, electronic or printed?

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

- a) OPC has not yet altered its website or any other publication, electronic or printed, as a result of the release of TAGS.
- b) OPC is intending to alter some of the metadata on its website so that it uses terms from TAGS.
- c) The precise changes have not yet been determined. They will be to the metadata for pages on the OPC website. It is intended that this will be done in the next 3 months.
- d) n/a
- e) A copy of TAGS has been made available to the staff who update the webpage.
- f) TAGS will be used as a guide when selecting terms to be used in metadata in pages on OPC's website.