

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

**Sub Program 2.2.1**

**Question No. 140**

**Senator Boyce asked the following question at the hearing on 8 February 2010:**

One of the actions already implemented in relation to the National Action plan is the establishment of the Attorneys General standing committee working group on domestic and family violence.

- a) What has been agreed to/achieved to date?
- b) What is the expenditure for the committee?

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

*a) What has been agreed to/achieved to date?*

In response to a recommendation by the National Council to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children in its March 2009 report, 'Plan for Australia to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children', in April 2009 the Standing Committee of the Attorneys General (SCAG) agreed to establish a working group to develop options for the implementation of a national scheme for the registration of domestic and family violence orders.

A working group has been established to consider this issue, comprising officers from all Australian jurisdictions, New Zealand and the Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department.

The working group has progressed this work including undertaking an audit of jurisdictional requirements for domestic and family violence orders and developing a discussion paper on a national scheme for the registration of domestic and family violence orders.

*b) What is the expenditure for the committee?*

All costs associated with the working group have been absorbed within participating agencies' existing resources.