

SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE  
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

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**Question No. 22**

**Senator Carr asked the following question at the hearing on 24 May 2006:**

Mrs Lavarch's media release stated that Queensland will draft the new model uniform tenancy database law. Is that correct? If so:

- a) Does the Commonwealth have a view about whether the Queensland model represents an appropriate balance?
- b) Has any process been put in place to take account of stakeholder concerns on both sides as Queensland develops the new model uniform tenancy database law?
- c) Didn't the decision to give this job to Queensland pre-empt the consideration of the issue by the MCCA?

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

The Standing Committee of Attorneys-General noted, at its meeting in April 2006, that the Ministerial Council on Consumer Affairs (MCCA) (led by Queensland) will lead the drafting of the model uniform legislation.

- a) The Commonwealth supports a model based on the recommendations in the final report.
- b) If MCCA endorses the final report and regulation impact statement, it will be a matter for Queensland, in consultation with MCCA, to develop the draft uniform legislation and consider whether there is a need for further consultation.
- c) This is yet to be considered and endorsed by the MCCA.