

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

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Question No. 32

Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 24 May 2007:

Legislative Recommendations of the Hiley-Levy report

Regarding the Hiley-Levy report into the operation of the National Native Title Tribunal and the Federal Court:

a) Have all of the recommendations of the Report that require *legislative* action been put into action?

i) If not:

1) Which ones are still awaiting action?

2) What is the timeframe for putting those into action?

3) Does the government intend to action all of the Recommendations?

b) When do you expect we will start to see the intended benefits from these Bills start to roll into improved outcomes for participants in the native title process?

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

- a) All recommendations of the Claims Resolution Review accepted by Government that required legislative amendment have been implemented through the *Native Title Amendment Act 2007*.
- b) The amendments implementing the recommendations of the Claims Resolution Review report came into force on 15 April 2007. Some measures are already operational, while others will take longer to implement. The changes made are already able to facilitate improved outcomes, as part of the package of reforms to all aspects of the native title system.