

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

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Question No. 45

Senator Stott-Despoja asked the following question at the hearing on 23 May 2007:

A discussion paper entitled 'Uniform Spent Convictions - A Proposed Model' was prepared in 2004 and has been on the past Agenda of the Standing Committee of Attorneys-General. What is the status of this proposal?

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

At the November 2006 meeting of the Standing Committee of Attorneys-General (SCAG), Ministers approved the drafting of model provisions by the Parliamentary Counsel's Committee to make provision for a uniform, national, spent conviction regime, while noting that no final policy decisions have been made and that the proposed draft model provisions are designed to assist Ministers to resolve outstanding policy issues in relation to the proposed national, uniform, spent convictions regime. A draft Bill has been prepared and initial comments have been provided. The Bill will be submitted to SCAG Ministers at a future meeting.