SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS AUSTRALIAN COMMISSION FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT INTEGRITY

Question No. 30

Senator Barnett asked the following question at the hearing on 25 May 2010:

Please provide the report and recommendations of this year's Deloitte consultancy on ACLEI's governance arrangements.

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

The Deloitte consultancy is for the provision of secretariat services to the ACLEI Audit Committee and four internal audits for the period September 2007 until July 2010. ACLEI's Audit Committee, comprising three members external to ACLEI and two ACLEI senior staff members, provides advice to the Integrity Commissioner on governance matters. The internal audits are focused on governance arrangements in relation to key financial controls and information security.

In 2008-09, Deloitte found ACLEI's financial management practices to be sound and compliant with the relevant legislation and regulations. Deloitte found ACLEI's information security practices to be robust and effective, and that operational information is well protected. The outcomes of these audits were published in the 2008-09 Annual Report of the Integrity Commissioner. The internal audits for 2009-10 are presently underway.