

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
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Question No. 72

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

Is there further information available on the government's response and position regarding shared parenting?

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

On 28 January 2010, the Government released key reports examining the operation of the family law system:

- *'Evaluation of the 2006 family law reforms'* by the Australian Institute of Family Studies (AIFS);
- *'Family Courts Violence Review'*, conducted by Professor Richard Chisholm AM; and
- *'Improving Responses to Family Violence in the Family Law System'*, conducted by the Family Law Council.

The Government is currently considering the findings and recommendations of these reports.

Any decision about whether any amendments to legislation are required is a matter for the Government.