

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

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Question No. 66

Senator Crossin asked the following question at the hearing on 31 October 2006:

- (a) What work is being done in the Department in response to the Australian Law Reform Commission's recommendations in the *Fighting Words: A Review of Sedition Laws in Australia* report (ALRC 104, 2006), tabled in federal Parliament on 13 September 2006?
- (b) When will the Government formally respond?
- (c) Has any drafting of options been commenced?

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

- (a) The Government is carefully considering the recommendations of the Australian Law Reform Commission's (ALRC) report. As part of this consideration, the Department has provided preliminary advice to the Government regarding the scope of the recommendations of the ALRC report and options.
- (b) The timing of a formal response is a matter for the Government.
- (c) See the response to part (a).