

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

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Question No. 70

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

With reference to page 128 of the Annual Report and regarding the ALRC Report 104 Review of Sedition Laws:

(a) Minister Ruddock's media release of 13 September 2006 indicates that "the Government would give careful consideration to the Commission's report as part of its ongoing commitment to ensure there are appropriate Commonwealth offences to deal with such conduct." As at 26 October the government response did not appear on the AG website: (i) Will that Government response to the report be made public; and (ii) Has the response been made? If not, why not?

(b) Is the Government considering any legislative change as a result of the report?

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

(a) The Government is continuing to carefully consider the recommendations of the Australian Law Reform Commission's (ALRC) report. The form and manner of the response is a matter to be decided by the Government.

(b) The Government is continuing to consider the recommendations which includes any legislative changes.