

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

**Sub Program 2.1.1**

**Question No. 55**

**Senator Barnett asked the following question at the hearing on 19 October 2009:**

In relation to the report provided to the Prime Minister following the cyber attack on the Prime Minister's website;

- a) what did it recommend,
- b) did it make recommendations for further protective measures so that this does not happen again, and
- c) can the Committee be provided with a copy of the report?

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

To clarify, the report was prepared for agencies involved in the events of 9 to 11 September 2009 to summarise the chain of events. The report was provided to relevant agencies to inform the development of briefing material for ministers, as required, including the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.

- a) The report did not make specific recommendations. The purpose of the report was to develop a consolidated understanding of the events and the actions taken by agencies leading up to and during the attacks on 9 to 11 September 2009.
- b) As noted, the report did not make specific recommendations. However, the lessons learnt from events of this nature make a useful contribution to the ongoing development and refinement of cyber security crisis management arrangements.
- c) No. The report details sensitive operational issues and is therefore not appropriate for public release.