

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

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Question No. 11

Senator Barnett asked the following question at the hearing on 18 October 2010:

Does the Government intend to appoint further commissioners to the Australian Law Reform Commission?

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

On 27 October 2010, the Governor-General made three appointments to the Australian Law Reform Commission.

The Honourable Justice Berna Collier has been re-appointed as a part time member of the Commission for a further three years.

The Honourable Justice Arthur Emmett and the Honourable Justice Bruce Lander have been appointed as part-time members of the Commission until 30 April 2011 to contribute to the current inquiry into improving the discovery process in civil litigation. This is consistent with the Government's intention to make greater use of short-term appointments to enable eminent persons who are experts in the fields of inquiry to contribute to particular references.

The Government will continue to liaise with the ALRC regarding the need for future appointments.