

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

**Question No. 75**

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

Had your Department or any agency in your portfolio provided information on any of the government's election promises in your portfolio to the Government before the election was called? Was any work done on formulating any of the Government's election commitments? If so, which ones? Provide details of what work was done.

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

Prior to the election being called, the Department and agencies only provided the Government with information properly related to Government policy within the Attorney-General's portfolio responsibilities. The Department and agencies did not play a role in formulating the Government's election commitments. The provision of information to the Government or the coalition during the election period was done in accordance with the Caretaker Conventions.