

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

Group 3

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Question No. 44

Senator Singh asked the following question at the hearing on 18 November 2013:

1. What role does the Department take with regard to the coordination of search dogs?
2. Has work commenced on the Government's election policy to create an Australian Search Dog Framework?
 - a) At what stage is implementation of this policy?
 - b) What is this policy anticipated to cost?

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

1. The Department is progressing the Government's election commitment to develop and implement a national search dog framework, by reviewing existing arrangements, and consulting with state and territory emergency service agencies and search dog organisations.
2. Yes
 - a) The Department is progressing the Government's election commitment to develop and implement a national search dog framework. The Department is reviewing existing arrangements and consulting with state and territory emergency service organisations to determine the best approach.
 - b) At this stage ongoing implementation costings, if any, have not been determined.