

Senate Economics Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Supplementary Budget Estimates

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Division/Agency: Productivity Commission

Question No: 367

Topic: Book Industry - PC Input to Copyright and the Digital Economy report

Reference: Written

Senator: Carr, Kim

Question:

Regarding the Australian Law Reform Commission's report Copyright and Digital Economy:

a. What contribution did the Productivity Commission or the Treasury make to this inquiry? Please provide a detailed account of any input.

b. What contribution did the Productivity Commission or the Treasury make to the subsequent Ernst & Young cost benefit analysis? Please provide a detailed account of any input.

Answer:

- (a) The Commission did not contribute to the Australian Law Reform's Commission report on Copyright and the Digital Economy. The Commission notes however, that the report did cite a speech made by the Commission's chair, Mr Peter Harris (see for example para 3.150).
- (b) The Commission was a user of, rather than a contributor to, the Ernst & Young cost benefit report. The Commission drew on the report in forming a final position on potential copyright reforms.