

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Senator: Ludlam

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Question:

Senator LUDLAM: The Western Australian government is proposing some fairly severe law reforms, if you could call them that, some of which I understand will be temporary and will be in force only for the duration of the event. Some of them might last a bit longer, as the ones around APEC did in New South Wales. Has the Commonwealth advised the state of Western Australia or has there been contact between the Prime Minister's office and the Premier on the nature of the laws that they are proposing to pass?

Mr Lewis: I will have to take that on notice. I am sure that the answer is no. What laws are passed in Western Australia is a matter for the Western Australian Government. If they were of the view that laws needed to be adjusted for some reason or other to meet the security needs of this event then that would be a decision for them.

Answer:

State laws are a matter for the Western Australian Government. The CHOGM 2011 Taskforce has not been involved in any matters regarding Western Australian CHOGM 2011 specific legislation.