

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES 2011-2012**

**Attorney-General's Portfolio**

**Department/Agency:** Attorney-General's Department

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**Senator:** Senator Rhiannon

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**Question:**

What if any consideration has the government given to the possibility of Australia acceding to the Council of Europe Convention 108 on Data Protection, not least as a balancing safeguard for the proposed accession to the Cybercrime Convention?

**Answer:**

The Government's consideration of this issue is a policy question about which it is not appropriate for the Department to comment.