

SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

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Question No. 54

Senator Stott Despoja asked the following question at the hearing on 14 February 2006:

- a) Has a date been set for the commencement of a review by the Australian Law Reform Commission into Australia's seditious laws, in line with a promise by the Attorney-General in late 2005 that such a review would occur?
 - i) If yes, when will the review be made public?
 - ii) If no, what is the reason for the delay?
- b) Have any terms of reference for any such review been drafted yet?
 - i) If yes, when will they be made public?

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

- a) The Attorney-General announced on 2 March 2006 that the Australian Law Reform Commission (ALRC) will review Schedule 7 of the *Anti-Terrorism Act (No. 2) 2005* and the provisions of Part IIA of the *Crimes Act 1914*. The terms of reference provide that the ALRC is to report no later than 30 May 2006.
- b) The terms of reference for the inquiry have been made public. They are available on the ALRC's internet site at <http://www.alrc.gov.au/inquiries/current/sedition/index.htm>.