

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
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Senator Wong asked the following question at the hearing on 13 February 2007.

- a) What agencies were involved in the preparation of the *Good Security-Good Business* guide?
- b) Why was this guide released?
- c) Was the Council of Australian Government's Pandemic Working Group consulted about this guide? If not, why not?

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

- a) The Attorney-General's Department prepared and distributed the business information kit *Good Security-Good Business*. Other Australian Government agencies involved were:

- Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
- Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts
- Department of Health and Aging
- Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources
- Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet
- Department of Transport and Regional Services

- b) The business kit was released to encourage small and medium sized enterprises to think about key security and business continuity issues, and to encourage them to seek out further information that will meet their particular needs and circumstances.
- c) No. The references to a possible human influenza pandemic were used as only one example of the risks to business, and were drawn from existing publications of the Australian Government.