

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS  
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

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**Question No. 40**

**Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 13 February 2007:**

National Handgun Buyback Program

Has the final reconciliation and termination of the National Handgun buyback program occurred?

a) If not:

i) When is this expected to occur?

ii) What is the final impediment to this occurring?

b) How much has been expended on this program in 2006/07 so far?

c) What is the currently outstanding of money still under consideration?

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

Finalisation and termination of the National Handgun Buyback program has not occurred.

a) i) It is expected that finalisation will occur by the end of the 2006/07 financial year.

ii) Finalisation of the program is dependent on the provision of information and documentation by the States and Territories, and the determination of compensation payments under the unviable business scheme.

b) No money has been expended on this program in 2006/07 so far.

c) There is approximately \$11 million still under consideration. This includes the final payment of compensation to jurisdictions, compensation for unviable businesses and payment to CrimTrac for the National Handgun Buyback Support System.