

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

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**Question No. 47**

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

With regards to the ALRC's Recommendations in the 'Fighting Words and Review of Sedition Laws in Australia' report which was tabled on September the 13<sup>th</sup> last year:

- a) Has the Department undertaken any work connected to this report?
- b) If the Department has undertaken work:
  - i) What sort of work has been undertaken by the Department?
  - ii) Does it include any drafting or any legislative work?
  - iii) If it includes drafting, when did the drafting commence?
  - iv) When can we expect to see something before Parliament?
  - v) If it does not include drafting, why not?

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

- a) The Department has provided preliminary advice to the Government regarding the scope of the recommendations of the Australian Law Reform Commission's (ALRC) report and options to address the recommendations. The Government is continuing to carefully consider the recommendations of the ALRC's report.
- b) The Department has not undertaken any drafting work or progressed any amendments in response to the recommendations of the ALRC report. The possible implementation of the ALRC report and the timing of a formal response to the report is a matter for the Government.