

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

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Question No. 87

Senator Birmingham asked the following question at the hearing on 23 February 2009:

What representations, if any, have been made to the Attorney General regarding any possible reviews of or changes to fees paid for broadcasting protected music by commercial or other radio broadcasters? What, if any, assurances have been given to industry in this regard?

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

The Attorney-General's Department is aware of correspondence to the Attorney-General regarding the one per cent statutory cap on the jurisdiction of the Copyright Tribunal of Australia if it is required to determine the amount payable by a commercial radio broadcaster for the broadcast of sound recordings from:

- Commercial Radio Australia (the national industry body representing commercial radio broadcasters);
- The Austereo Group Ltd;
- Macquarie Southern Cross Media;
- Individual commercial radio stations;
- The Phonographic Performance Company of Australia (the copyright licensing body representing record labels and recording artists for the broadcast of recorded music);
- The Australian Independent Record Labels Association; and
- Members of the Federal and State Parliaments.

The Attorney-General has consulted with both the radio and sound-recording industry regarding possible changes to fees paid. The decision on this matter is a matter for Government.