

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

Sub Program 1.1.2

Question No. 6

Senator Barnett asked the following question at the hearing on 8 February 2010:

Regarding the National Human Rights Consultation:

- a. How much in total has been spent to date? Please provide a breakdown by budget year and by expenditure categories including travel, payments to committee members, salary and wages of support staff, etc.
- b. Has the Government moved to implement any of the Consultation's report?

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

a. Expenditure as at 31 January 2010 on the National Human Rights Consultation is as follows:

Secretariat Staff	\$1,053,004
Travel and Accommodation	\$387,164
Committee Fees	\$421,058
Advertising	\$353,050
Design/Printing	\$63,273
Venue Hire/Catering	\$133,026
Research Projects	\$261,191
Public Hearings	\$83,548
Writers/Editors	\$39,073
Other	\$139,313

TOTAL: \$2,933,700 (GST exclusive)

b. Recommendation 14 of the Report was for the Federal Government to develop and implement a framework for improving access to justice, in consultation with the legal profession and the non-government sector. Prior to receiving the Report, the Attorney-General had released the Strategic Framework for Access to Justice following the report of the Access to Justice Taskforce.

The Government is giving consideration to the recommendations of the Report and will respond in coming months.