

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
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Question No. 110

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

Is the Department currently involved in preparing for any changes to the current shared parenting legislation? What is the Department's position? Please provide details.

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

On 28 January 2010, the Government released key reports examining the operation of the family law system:

- *'Evaluation of the 2006 family law reforms'* by the Australian Institute of Family Studies (AIFS);
- *'Family Courts Violence Review'*, conducted by Professor Richard Chisholm AM; and
- *'Improving Responses to Family Violence in the Family Law System'*, conducted by the Family Law Council.

The Government is currently considering the findings and recommendations of these reports.

Any decision about whether the shared parenting legislation should be changed is a matter for the Government.