

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

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Question No. 85

Senator Trood asked the following question at the hearing on 22 February 2011:

1. British plans to amend the Act of Settlement were first raised with Australia by the Brown government in early 2009. What position did the government take on the UK proposals?
2. Has the Cameron government discuss with Australia its plans to amend the Act of Settlement?
3. Is the government's intention to support these plans?

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

1. The UK Government did not formally present a proposed amendment to the Act of Settlement to Australia in 2009.
2. No.
3. Should any proposal be received, Australia would expect to consult with the States and Territories and with Commonwealth partners that share our head of state.