

SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE  
OFFICE OF FILM AND LITERATURE CLASSIFICATION

**Question No. 142**

**Senator Stott-Despoja asked the following question at the hearing on 25 May 2006:**

On February 23, the Attorney-General announced that the Office of Film and Literature Classification's (OFLC) "policy and administrative functions will be folded into the Attorney-General's Department".<sup>1</sup>

- a) What are the reasons for this reorganisation?
- b) What is the overall cost of this reorganisation?

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

- (a) It is Government policy in the context of the Uhrig report to review all Australian Government agencies and identify any functions that should be brought back within a Department. The Government has decided that the policy and administrative functions of the OFLC (as distinct from the decision-making processes of the Classification Board and the Classification Review Board), including the provision of policy advice to Government, should be within the line Department.
- (b) The aim of the integration of the OFLC into the Attorney-General's Department is not cost savings and all funding currently provided to OFLC will transfer to the Department. It is anticipated that the transition will include some one-off costs, such as upgrades to IT equipment. However, these costs are not yet quantified.

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<sup>1</sup> Attorney-General News Release "New Administrative Arrangements for Classification" 23/2/06