

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

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Question No. 125

Senator Barnett asked the following question at the hearing on 27 May 2008:

Recognition of local government in the Constitution:

- a) Has the department received instructions or given advice with respect to the merit or otherwise of the recognition of local government in the Constitution?
- b) Has the department prepared any discussion papers or briefing papers on the matter?

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

- a) No.
- b) As advised in Mr Ian Govey's letter of 3 June 2008 to the Committee Secretary, the Constitutional Policy Unit in the Attorney-General's Department provided a general paper for the Attorney-General on topical constitutional issues in January 2008. Local government was briefly mentioned in that paper.