

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
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Question No. 127

Senator Stott-Despoja asked the following question at the hearing on 27 May 2008:

What is the status on the draft model Spent Convictions Bill?

Will public consultation on a draft model Spent Convictions Bill occur? If so, when?

When is it expected that a draft model Spent Convictions Bill will be finalised?

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

The draft model Spent Convictions Bill is being developed through a Spent Convictions Working Group comprising officers from the Commonwealth, States and Territories. Jurisdictions are currently considering a draft model bill. Public consultation will occur once all jurisdictions have agreed on a model for release, which is expected before the end of July 2008.

A proposed final Model Bill for consideration by the Standing Committee of Attorneys-General, that takes into account comments received in the consultation process, will be prepared following the completion of that consultation.