

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

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Question No. 86

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

Provide details of the nature, content, time, attendees and outcome of any meetings between the Attorney-General or his Department and representatives of the Australian Christian Lobby since the election of the Rudd Government.

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

Other than the meeting referred to below, there have been no meetings between the Australian Christian Lobby and the Attorney-General's Department since the election of the Rudd Government.

The Attorney-General, the Hon Robert McClelland MP, met with Mr Jim Wallace, Managing Director of the Australian Christian Lobby on 7 December 2008.

The Minister for Home Affairs, the Hon Bob Debus MP met with Mr Wallace, Managing Director and Mr Lyle Shelton, National Chief of Staff, of the Australian Christian Lobby, on 28 May 2008. Two officers of the Attorney-General's Department were in attendance. The meeting was to discuss classification issues, including the consultation process Censorship Ministers agreed to on the issue of whether there should be an R 18+ classification for computer games. Discussions also touched on the availability of X 18+ material, and classification issues broadly. The Minister confirmed that Mr Wallace would be advised when the discussion paper on R 18+ is released.