

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

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**Question No. 90**

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

What type of work has the Department undertaken to investigate possible legal avenues to stop Japanese whaling in the Southern Ocean?

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

Advice has been provided to the Government on the possible legal avenues open to Australia with respect to Japanese whaling in the Southern Ocean. It would not be appropriate to reveal the content of such advice as to do so would likely prejudice Australia's position in legal proceedings against Japan should a decision be made to take such proceedings.