

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

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Question No. 128

Senator Ludlam asked the following question at the hearing on 27 May 2009:

Given the overwhelmingly negative analysis of divided Commonwealth/State funding structure for legal aid, are there plans for reforming the funding structure? Does the current Government concur with the criticism that has been raised?

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

The Government is currently considering its policies in regard to legal aid in the context of negotiations with the States and Territories on a National Partnership agreement for legal aid. The Government will settle its position on the Commonwealth/State funding divide as part of that process.