

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

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Question No. 132

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

Does the government have any plans to find the \$110 million it is estimated is needed to reinstate the provision of civil law legal aid services?

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

The Attorney-General has identified the need for a strategic approach to improving access to justice. In January 2009 he established a taskforce to examine how the justice system can be more fair, simple, affordable and accessible. Funding for legal assistance, including funding for services in relation to civil law matters is being considered in this broader context of improvements to accessibility in the justice system.