

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

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Question No. 135

Senator Hanson-Young asked the following question at the hearing on 27 May 2009:

What is the Government's policy on civil unions? If a State or Territory introduced civil union legislation, would the Federal Government override it?

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

The Government supports a nationally consistent State and Territory based system for the registration of committed adult relationships that are not marriages.

The Government will not speculate in advance on legislation that might be introduced that it has not seen or examined.