

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

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Question No. 53

Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 31 October 2006:

With reference to page 108 of the Annual Report and the National Handgun Buyback Act 2003:

- (a) Could the Department explain what the impediment is to final reconciliation and termination of the National Handgun Buyback program?
- (b) How much is projected for expenditure on administration of this program in 2006/07?
- (c) What is the outstanding amount of moneys still under consideration?

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

- (a) The Australian Government is awaiting agreement by States and Territories on final data input and the provision by jurisdictions of documentation supporting their administrative claims.
- (b) Staff salaries are the only expenditure on administration of this program. There is approximately \$150,000 projected for 2006/07.
- (c) There is approximately \$11 million still under consideration. This includes the final payment of compensation to jurisdictions, compensation for unviable businesses and a final payment to CrimTrac.