

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

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Question No. 56

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

With reference to page 114 of the Annual Report and regarding the development of an “anti-corruption strategy to guide the development and implementation of all Australian aid program activities”:

- (a) Is AGD the lead agency on this issue, if not who is?
- (b) If no to (a), please explain what contribution the Division is expected to make to this process.
- (c) Has the strategy now been completed? If so please supply.
- (d) If no to (c), (i) is there a timetable for development and implementation of this strategy? If so, specify; and (ii) is the Department intending to wait for such recommendations that the present Cole inquiry may make before proceeding with development of the strategy?

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

- (a) No. AusAID is the lead agency for the development of the Whole of Government strategy entitled the Anti-Corruption for Development Policy.
- (b) The Department has been an active member of a whole of government consultative process which was established to develop the strategy and has participated in its formulation.
- (c) Yes. The strategy has been recently completed but has not yet been published. The timing of the release of the strategy is a matter for the Minister for Foreign Affairs.
- (d) See reply to part (c).