

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

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Question No. 57

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

With reference to pages 114 and 118 of the Annual Report and regarding the establishment of ACLEI which according to the Annual Report "will be established early in 2006/07":

- (a) Have the statutory office holders (i.e. ACLEI Commissioner and Deputy Commissioners) been determined for appointment after passage of the legislation?
- (b) What is the time table for that?
- (c) Have premises been secured yet? If yes, has it been outfitted?
- (d) How many non-statutory office holders have been recruited? Please provide an update as to how recruitment is proceeding and whether it is according to target?
- (e) When can we expect to see the agency up and running and actively investigating?

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

- (a) The Integrity Commissioner has not yet been determined for appointment. There is no plan to appoint a Deputy Commissioner at this stage of the establishment and operation of ACLEI.
- (b) The LEIC Act will come into force on 30 December 2006. Appointment of an Integrity Commissioner will be made by that date.
- (c) Premises have been secured and fitted out for ACLEI.
- (d) Six staff have been recruited for ACLEI. A further two staff are expected to commence during December 2006. It is expected that all ACLEI staff will be recruited before the commencement of ACLEI operations in January 2007.
- (e) The LEIC Act will come into force on 30 December 2006. ACLEI will commence operations on the first working day after the commencement date of 3 January 2007.