

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

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Question No. 27

Senator Barnett asked the following question at the hearing on 20 October 2008:

In relation to the policy papers directed to the faster resolution of outstanding matters before the Tribunal:

- a) provide the number of proposals put forward
- b) the name of the proposal, and
- c) provide a copy, if possible.

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

The policy papers referred to in this question form part of the 2008 Review of Funding of the Native Title System. This Review is confidential to Government as its recommendations feed into the 2009-10 Budget process. The National Native Title Tribunal took part in the review process as a member of the Native Title Consultative Committee, which is responsible for monitoring, regularly reviewing and advising the Australian Government on the native title system, as well as making recommendations to Ministers on the resourcing of the native title system. The Department however is responsible for advising on native title policy. Further information about current initiatives aimed at addressing the backlog is set out in the answer to Question on Notice No 30.