

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

**Sub Program 2.2.1**

**Question No. 72**

**Senator Barnett asked the following question at the hearing on 19 October 2009:**

A final report on the Review of Customary Law had not yet been made available to the Government at the time of May Budget Estimates. Is this report now available? If so, please provide a copy. If not, please advise when it will be and advise the Government's intent with respect to implementing customary law or not.

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

The Department provided a report on the review of customary law amendments to Commonwealth and Northern Territory bail and sentencing legislation to the Attorney-General and the Minister for Home Affairs on 12 November 2009.

It is a matter for the relevant Ministers whether to make the report available outside of Government.