

Questions taken on notice

Legal and Social Issues Committee – Inquiry into the Machinery of Government Changes

Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning

1. In relation to the Local Government Act review, what is the timeline for any reforms?

The review of the Local Government Act commenced in 2015 with the release of a Discussion Paper and establishment of a website www.yourcouncilyourcommunity.vic.gov.au in September. This has been accompanied by research papers that have been placed on the website, community forums and technical working groups drawing on expertise from the sector. A further round of consultation on reform directions is planned for later in 2016 followed by development of the new legislative framework, including release of an exposure draft of a bill, in 2017. It is the Government's intention to have the new legislation introduced into the Parliament in 2017.