



PPS Reform – Government Response to Senate Committee – June 2009

Government Response to the Report of the Senate Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs

On 19 March 2009, the Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee handed down its report on the Exposure Draft of Personal Property Securities Bill 2008.

The Australian Government has accepted almost all of the Committee's recommendations in respect of the Bill. The Bill has been revised, greater use has been made of international precedents and privacy protections have been enhanced.

The Senate Committee recommended that an independent privacy impact assessment of the proposed PPS scheme be carried out. In May 2009, the Australian Attorney-General's Department engaged external agency Information Integrity Solutions to undertake a Privacy Impact Assessment which we expect to be completed in June 2009. The privacy impact assessment will be made publicly available.

The Committee also recommended that the implementation date for PPS reform be deferred until May 2011. The Australian Government has agreed to consider revising the timetable for commencement of the PPS scheme in consultation with the States and Territories and, following these consultations, make an announcement about the timing of commencement.

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Referral of legislative power

The national PPS scheme will be supported by a referral of legislative power from the States. NSW is the first jurisdiction to refer power. The NSW Parliament passed its PPS referral Bill on 17 June 2009.

[Personal Property Securities \(Commonwealth Powers\) Bill 2009.](#)

Personal Property Securities Bill

We anticipate the revised PPS Bill will be introduced into the Commonwealth Parliament in the Winter Session.

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Next Steps

The Bill

To provide certainty for stakeholders, the Government is progressing development of the Bill with a view to its passage through Parliament by the end of 2009.

The PPS Register

Design and development of the PPS Register application continues, with work on detailed design being finalised and focus moving to the development phase.

Consultation on the B2G specification is now underway.

The Contact Centre

Evaluation of the PPS Contact Centre tenders is underway

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Implementation and Development of the PPS Register

The single national Personal Property Securities (PPS) Register will lower the cost of registering and locating security interests in personal property by replacing numerous registers currently operated by the Commonwealth, States and Territories. The Register will be a publicly accessible, electronic record of personal property securities and will be updated and searchable in 'real time'.

In November 2008, KAZ Group Pty Ltd was appointed to design, build and integrate the PPS Register. KAZ is currently completing Stage 1, the Design Phase of developing the PPS Register. Concurrently, data migration planning is underway to prepare existing registers for seamless transition to the new arrangements and so that there are no gaps in the Register's information. Significant effort is being applied to stakeholder engagement to ensure register users, current register teams and interested parties are fully involved in, and informed of, the progress of the Register.

The establishment of Register support services is also underway with the invitation to tender for the establishment and operation of a Customer Contact Centre being released in December 2008 and evaluation is now nearing completion. The Contact Centre will support the operations of the Office of the PPS Registrar.

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