

report on review of decisions involving assessment of products is in preparation. The Council has forwarded letters of advice on both these matter to the Attorney-General.

- *Migration.* The Council wrote to the Attorney-General on 11 May 1989 providing advice on the review aspects of the Migration Legislation Amendment Bill. By that time the Bill had been introduced into the Senate but had not been debated. The legislation was passed in June 1989 with the review aspects of the Bill substantially unchanged.
- *Broadcasting.* The Council expects to receive an outline of its DP from the Communciations Law Centre, University of New South Wales, in the next few weeks. The DP will deal with the review of the broadcasting regulations and procedural decisions of the Australian Broadcasting Tribunal.
- *Informal rule-making.* At its March 1989 meeting the Council agreed to organise a seminar to discuss the current tendency in government agencies to use informal subordinate rule-making in preference to changes to the legislation. Arrangements are currently being made to hold the seminar at Parliament House on 31 August 1989.

#### House of Representatives Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs

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- *Mergers, Takeovers and Monopolies.* Report tabled on 1 June 1989.
- *Insider Trading and Other Forms of Market Manipulation.* Submissions invited and public hearings commenced.
- *Legal Regimes of Australia's External Territories and Jervis Bay.* Submission invited and Public Hearings commenced.

#### Senate Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs (Sen)

- *Social and Fiduciary Duties and Responsibilities of Company Directors.* Public hearings have been held. Report in preparation.
- *Debt Recovery under the Social Security Act and Veterans' Entitlements Act.* New reference.
- *Cost of Legal Services and Litigation.* New reference.
- *Shield of the Crown.* New reference.

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#### new references

##### ALRC

- *Multiculturalism.*

##### TasLRC

- *Police Powers of Interrogation Following Arrest.*

##### Sen

- *Debt Recovery under the Social Security Act and Veterans' Entitlements Act.*
- *Shield of the Crown.*
- *Cost of Legal Services and Litigation.*