

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

Program: General

Question No. AE17/052

Senator Waters asked the following question at the hearing on 28 February 2017:

1. What is the Department's view of the effect of Senate order 20C?
2. Has the Department briefed the Attorney on the effect of order 20C?
3. Has the Attorney asked for advice on the effect of order 20C?
4. Has the Department consulted the AGS about the effect of the order?

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

1. This question asks the Department to provide an opinion about the construction of the Standing Order and is therefore impermissible.
2. No.
3. No.
4. No.