

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

Program: Family Court of Australia

Question No. AE17/067

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

1. How do duty lawyer services and social support services assist the Family Court to operate efficiently and effectively?
2. Are the duty lawyer services that are currently available in the Family Court sufficient to meet client demands and to ensure the efficient and effective operation of the Courts?

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

1. Any provision of quality legal advice is of assistance to the court.
2. Funding and adequacy overall of duty lawyer services is a matter for Government.