

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

**Program:** Office of the Australian Information Commissioner

**Question No. AE17/075**

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

- 1) Was the Commissioner consulted before the Government announced their consultation on access to telecommunications data in civil proceedings?
- 2) Was the Commissioner consulted before the Government introduced the Privacy Amendment (Re-identification Offence) Bill 2016?

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

- 1) No. The Information Commissioner was invited to comment on the *Consultation Paper - Access to Retained Data in Civil Proceeding*, via a letter, dated 29 November 2016.
- 2) Yes. The Attorney-General's Department consulted OAIC during the drafting phase of the Privacy Amendment (Re-identification Offence) Bill 2016.