

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

Program: 1.1 AGD Operating Expenses - Civil Justice and Legal Services

Question No. AE17/134

Senator Pratt asked the following question at the hearing on 24 March 2017:

Senator PRATT: Okay. Have you talked to the Attorney about the issue of a postal plebiscite?

Mr Anderson: I have not. I do not believe there has been any consultation by the department with the Attorney.

Senator PRATT: So all of the department's involvement in this issue has been with the Department of Finance and not with the Attorney-General's Office at all?

Mr Anderson: That is correct, in terms of the consultation that we have been talking about.

Senator PRATT: Have you sought the Attorney's advice on it at all?

Mr Anderson: No, we have not.

Senator PRATT: So you have not given him any correspondence on the matter at this point in time?

Mr Anderson: I do not believe we have. I can take that on notice, to be absolutely sure.

Senator PRATT: If you could take that on notice, I would be grateful. Thank you for confirming that the Department of Finance is indeed looking at this issue.

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

No.