

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

Group: 3

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Question No. BE15/099

Senator Collins asked the following question at the hearing on 27 and 28 May 2015:

1. There were reports in the press in late 2005 that two Victorian barristers, Robert Richter QC and Brian Walters QC, were seeking a meeting with the DPP to discuss laying charges in Australia against the Bali Nine, with a view to extraditing the accused to face prosecution in Australia rather than Indonesia. Did the DPP meet with the two barristers or otherwise consider their request? If so, when?
2. Did the DPP consider laying charges against the Bali Nine?
3. What decision was made? By whom? Why? When? Did the DPP consult with any Minister, department or agency in arriving at this decision?

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

1. The DPP has not located any record of a meeting.
- 2-3. The AFP sought advice from the CDPP about the availability of charges in Australia against the Bali 9 and on the evidence available to support the laying of such charges. This advice was sought on the basis of identified evidentiary material and the CDPP provided advice based on this material.