

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS

BUDGET ESTIMATES 2017

Attorney General's Department

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

Question No. BE17-002

Senator Pratt asked the following question on 24 May 2017:

Ms Lowe: My apologies, Senator; a response has been prepared. I answered your question literally in terms of a letter, but a draft response—I should be clear—has been prepared.

Senator WONG: I accept that. Obviously, the accountability is the minister's, but it would have been concerning if the department had taken upon itself not even to draft a response.

Mr Moraitis: I had assumed that was the case, but, as I briefly said, a response had not been provided.

Senator PRATT: When was that draft response provided to the minister?

Ms Lowe: I will have to take that on notice, Senator. I do not have the details in front of me.

The response to the honourable Senator's question is as follows:

The Attorney-General's Department provided a draft response to Senate Order 20B – *Estimates hearings – Unanswered questions on notice* to the Attorney-General's office on 12 May 2017.