

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS**  
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**Question No. BE17-194**

**Senator Watt asked the following question on 18 August 2017:**

Senator WATT: Mr Clarke, it won't surprise you that I and other senators have a number of questions about the events involving the Commonwealth Bank. I realise there is an investigation underway and we will try to be careful about what we ask. When did you or other officials of AUSTRAC first brief your minister about concerns you had regarding the Commonwealth Bank?

Mr Clark: As is customary, we brief our minister on a regular basis with respect to matters that AUSTRAC is dealing with, and it was no different in relation to this particular case. I would have to take on notice the question as to precisely when we first briefed our minister.

Senator WATT: If you could. If there is any possibility of getting someone to look that up while we keep asking other questions, that would be great. Do you have a vague recollection, yourself, of having first raised these issues, if it was you, with the minister?

Mr Clark: It would not have been me, Senator, but, again, I will take that on notice, if I may, and come back to you.

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

AUSTRAC provided a ministerial submission to the Office of the Minister for Justice on 28 June 2016, informing the Minister that AUSTRAC was conducting an investigation into CBA's compliance with the *Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Act 2006*.