

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

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**Senator Bilyk asked the following question at the hearing on 20 October 2015:**

1. Has the Attorney-General's Department completed any policy development on proposals to prevent perpetrators of domestic violence from cross-examining their former partners in family law proceedings?

If so-

- a. Can a copy of relevant policy documents please be provided?
2. Has the Department provided the Attorney-General with any advice in relation to proposals to prevent perpetrators of domestic violence from cross-examining their former partners in family law proceedings?

If so-

- a. On what date(s) was this advice provided?
- b. In what form was it provided?
- c. Can a copy of any written advice please be provided?

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

1. The Department has given consideration to policy in this area.
  - a. No, as policy development has not been completed.
2. Yes.
  - a. 13 January 2014.
  - b. Ministerial Submission.
  - c. No.