

SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
OFFICE OF PARLIAMENTARY COUNSEL

Question No. 146

Senator Kirk asked the following question at the hearing on 25 May 2006:

How many drafts of the Anti-Money Laundering Bill have there been?

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

The process of drafting Bills is an iterative one. The drafter develops the draft Bill taking into account the written and oral instructions from his or her instructors. The drafter will provide versions of the draft as it develops. Early drafts will often contain only some of the matters to be covered by the final draft. Comments that instructors make on the versions provided to them are taken into account in developing revised versions.

As at 25 May 2006, 47 versions of the draft Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Bill 2006 had been created by the Office of Parliamentary Counsel for the purpose of being provided to instructors.