

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

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Senator Dastyari asked the following written question from the 24 February and 27 March 2015 hearings:

1. Following Williams No. 1, has the Attorney-General's Department provided advice to the government on the legislative framework needed to directly (or indirectly) fund state infrastructure? (Y/N)
2. What existing legislation or regulations does the Attorney-General's Department consider authorises the government's proposed asset-recycling program?
 - a. (If none): So the current asset-recycling program would not be authorised unless the asset-recycling bill passes the parliament?
 - b. (If stated): Then why is the government trying to pass the Asset Recycling Fund Bill 2014?

The answers to the honourable senator's questions are as follows:

1. Questions as to whether legal advice has been sought should be directed to the agency that may have sought the advice.
2. It would not be appropriate for the Attorney-General's Department to answer this question as it is a request for legal advice.