

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

**Program: General**

**Question No. AE17/089**

**Senator Pratt asked the following question at the hearing on 28 February 2017:**

To the Attorney-General –

Debate and speculation has continued to rage about your possible appointment to a judicial or diplomatic position.

1. Have you discussed with the Prime Minister, his office, or any of your ministerial colleagues, or their offices, the possibility of being appointed to a diplomatic position?
2. Have you discussed with the Prime Minister, his office, or any of your ministerial colleagues, or their offices, the possibility of being appointed to a judicial position?
3. Will you rule out accepting appointment to a judicial position if one is offered during the current term of Parliament?
4. Will you rule out accepting appointment to a diplomatic position if one is offered during the current term of Parliament?

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

Questions 1-4

The Attorney-General's Department is not in a position to respond.