

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS**

**BUDGET ESTIMATES 2017**

**Attorney General's Department**

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**Question No. BE17-031**

**Senator Watt asked the following question on 24 May 2017:**

Senator WATT: I suppose we will just have to disagree on that one. Mr Moraitis, has the department provided any advice on the firearms trafficking bill to the government since those amendments were made?

Mr Moraitis: I will ask Mr Bouwhuis or Mr Gray to answer that.

Mr Bouwhuis: Could you be more specific?

Senator WATT: The amendments were passed in the Senate and the bill has been returned to the House of Reps for consideration, so my question simply is: since those amendments were made and the legislation as amended passed by the Senate, has the department provided any further advice to the government regarding that bill on any matter?

Mr Bouwhuis: I think it is easier to perhaps just take it on notice, because your question is broad. We have obviously communicated about the bill or whatever, but perhaps it is easiest if I just take that on notice.

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

Yes.