

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS

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Question No. BE17-047

Senator Wong asked the following question on 25 May 2017:

Senator WONG: I was taking the commissioner's evidence to its next step. The commissioner gave evidence, I thought, about what the protocol would be, if there were complaints. So, essentially, I was asking: as a result of complaints, have those protocols been followed? Have there been discussions with the minister's chief of staff? I am conscious my time has expired, and you might want the opportunity to get some information and advice. I am happy to pause there, Chair, if you wanted to go to someone else.

CHAIR: Yes, I do. Thank you, Senator Wong. We will break for 15 minutes for morning tea then I will go to Senator Feeney and then to Senator Xenophon. Commissioner, you have a—

Mr Colvin: In answer to Senator Wong's questions, I want to be quite specific: we will take on notice, if there have been any complaints that have been brought to our attention that we have raised with the minister's office

Senator WONG: Yes. I asked you: if there was problem, what would the protocol be. You described it. I then asked, essentially, have any steps in that protocol been—

Mr Colvin: Let me make sure that we are giving you the accurate answer; we will take that on notice.

Senator WONG: Thank you.

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

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