

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

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**Question No. 63**

**Senator Stott-Despoja asked the following question at the hearing in writing on 27 May 2008:**

NEVDIS:

- a) Does the Department intend to allow the use of Austroads' National Exchange of Vehicle and Driver Information System (NEVDIS) by private sector entities to facilitate electronic verification of identity?
- b) Will the Department conduct a Privacy Impact Assessment in relation to any such planned use?
- c) Given that NEVDIS contains the personal information of every Australian driver, as mandated by Government laws required to obtain a driver's licence, will the public be consulted in relation to any such planned use?

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

The Department is responsible for administering the *Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Act 2006* (AML/CTF Act). Businesses regulated under the Act are required to verify the identity of their customers before providing designated services. Under the Act customer identity information may be verified using either electronic or document-based means.

Austroads is the association of Australian and New Zealand road transport and traffic authorities. Austroads members are the six Australian state and two territory road transport and traffic authorities, the Department for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA), and Transit New Zealand.

Access to and use of National Exchange of Vehicle and Driver Information System (NEVDIS) data is a matter for Austroads.