

SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE  
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

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**Question No. 302**

**Senator Bishop asked the following question at the hearing on 31 October 2005:**

What freedom have other agencies to alter the directions for their own use, and what provisions are there for such a process with respect to approval and review.

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

The Legal Services Directions are issued by the Attorney-General. In certain circumstances, agencies may apply to the Attorney-General or, in some instances, to the Attorney-General's delegate, for a modified application of, or exemption from, the Directions. Agencies have no freedom unilaterally to alter the Directions for their own use.