

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

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Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ16-000070

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Question

Discussion with Attorney-General

Senator CAMERON: Did you have discussions with Senator Brandis about the opposition's access to the report between 29 January—I think the letter arrived by email in Mr O'Connor's office at 4.58 pm refusing access—and 1 February, when Mr Dreyfus was advised he could access the report? Did you have discussions with the Attorney-General?

Senator Cash: I would need to go back and review my records.

Senator CAMERON: You do not know?

Senator Cash: I would need to go back and review my records. I talked to George Brandis, but I could not tell you whether I spoke to him then, no.

Senator CAMERON: Was there a cabinet meeting in that period?

Senator Cash: Between 29 January and 1 February?

Senator CAMERON: Yes.

Senator Cash: I would need to go back again and check my diary. There was, I understand, a cabinet meeting on 1 February.

Senator CAMERON: Did you have discussions with the Prime Minister on this issue in that period?

Senator Cash: Yes, I did.

Senator CAMERON: When did you meet the Prime Minister?

Senator Cash: Again, I would need to go back and check my diary as to exactly when I met him.

Senator CAMERON: Did you have more than one meeting?

Senator Cash: Again, I would need to go back and check my diary or go back and review my records.

Answer

The Minister does not disclose with whom she has or has not met.