

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

Question No. 46

Senator Brandis asked the following question at the hearing on 22 February 2011:

Mr Harriott—My understanding is that following the announcement of the proposed military court and that the magistrates court would remain, there were also some issues raised by the Australian National Audit Office. There was an agreement made between the courts that we would transfer the funding back at the earliest opportunity. Depending on the passage of future legislation, there will be a transfer between the courts, depending on the final outcome under the FMA Act. So it will be agreed between the CFOs. But it is basically reverting to the position that existed before, then seeing what happens in terms of the passage of legislation. Depending on the outcome of that, then there would be some further transfers. You are absolutely correct. This is no new money.

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Senator BRANDIS—You spoke of an agreement between the courts. Can we have a copy of that, please?

Mr Harriott—I would have to take that on notice.

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

The agreement was considered as part of the Budget and therefore will not be provided.