SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

Question No. 35

Senator Brandis asked the following question at the hearing on 26 May 2011:

Senator BRANDIS: I want to concentrate for a moment on the episode about close personal protection. It is the case, is it not, that that episode was developed and filmed before June 2010? Mr Negus: I do not know; I have not seen the actual program you are referring to.

Senator BRANDIS: What I am putting to you is that that episode was about the close personal protection of the Prime Minister. It was developed and filmed at some time between the middle of 2008, when the contract was signed, and June 2010. Could you take that on notice?

Mr Negus: I will take that on notice.

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

Filming of the Close Personal Protection episode began on 5 March 2009 and continued periodically until 4 April 2009. Further filming took place on 25 October 2010 which included the current Prime Minister as requested by the Production Company.