

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

Group 3

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Question No. 126

Senator Humphries asked the following question at the hearing on 24 May 2012:

- a) In regard to the Crisis Coordination Centre's incident notifications and incident briefs, to who are these documents provided?
- b) Are these briefs made publicly available?
- c) Are the briefs provided to state and territory emergency services, including the SES and other groups?
- d) Since her recent appointment as Minister for Emergency Management, has Nicola Roxon visited the Crisis Coordination Centre? If so, please list dates.

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

- a) Incident notifications and incident briefs are provided to pre-defined incident specific distribution lists. The distribution lists are also adaptable to suit emerging and developing situations.
- b) The incident notifications and incident briefs are for Official Use Only, and are for Australian Government, agencies and State/Territory government's use. They are not publicly available.
- c) The incident notifications and incident briefs are provided to pre-defined incident specific distribution lists. Each jurisdiction is different in their emergency management structure and reporting lines. The CCC works closely with the jurisdictions in identifying their appropriate and preferred contact point for receiving CCC products.
- d) The Minister has visited the CCC. The Attorney-General and her Office is in regular contact with the Crisis Coordination Centre, and receives regular updates, incident notifications and briefing products to assist in her role as Minister for Emergency Management.