

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
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Question No. 33

Senator Brandis asked the following question at the hearing on 16 October 2012:

Senator BRANDIS: You have told us that the Attorney-General was part of the conference on 9 June, which is four days before the abuse-of-process and the relief-of-the-implied-undertaking applications were filed and she was present again at the conference on 13 June, which is the date on which those two applications were filed. So, may we take it that when Ms Roxon talks about having been briefed on the text messages prior to the applications being filed, that must have happened at the conference on 9 June? Ms Roxon has said she was briefed about it. This was the only conference before the filing of the applications that you have told me she participated in, so may we take it that that was part of the business of the 9 June conference?

Mr Wilkins: We could take it on notice.

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

As stated in Mr Roger Wilkins' letter to the Chair of the Committee dated 24 October 2012, the teleconference of 9 June 2012 only involved counsel and the Australian Government Solicitor. The conference of 13 June 2012 was attended by the Attorney-General and preceded the filing of the application.