

**Senate**  
**Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee**  
**Water Act 2007**  
**Answers to questions on notice**

**Question 1**

**Senator Birmingham asked at page 62:**

So, Mr Freeman, how many opinions did you request of the Australian Government Solicitor, how many did you receive and when?

**Answer:**

The Australian Government Solicitor has provided eight advices to the Authority in relation to the role of social and economic factors in relation to the Basin Plan. The advice was provided on 4 December 2008, 15 May 2009, 2 November 2009, 16 March 2010, 15 June 2010, 26 October 2010, 26 November 2010 and 30 November 2010.

**Question 2**

**Senator Barnett asked at page 62:**

When did your AGS officer get put into your authority? When did they commence.

**Answer:**

The Murray-Darling Basin Authority has engaged the Australian Government Solicitor to provide a seconded lawyer in its office from 2 April 2009-15 May 2009, 6 July 2009-20 July 2010 and 2 August 2010 to the present.