

## **Senate Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs**

### **Handling of a letter sent by Mr Man Haron Monis to the Attorney-General**

#### **Responses to questions taken on notice at hearing on Tuesday 23 June**

1. *How many officers in the department have had access to the letter from Mr Monis to the Attorney-General dated 7 October 2014?*

Approximately 170 officers in the department would have been able to access the record of the letter.

2. *Can you provide a copy of the 'Guidelines for Ministerial and Agency Websites' issued by the Department of Finance?*

The Guidelines are available at: <http://webguide.gov.au/types-of-websites/ministerial-and-agency-websites/>.

3. *How many of the Attorney-General's media releases have been taken down from the Attorney-General's website since Senator Brandis became Attorney-General?*

It is not possible to provide a figure for the number of Attorney-General media releases that the department has taken down since September 2013. To do so would involve a significant diversion of resources. However, the department is able to advise that the media release of 28 May 2015 is not the only media release the department has taken down or not put up since September 2013. Whenever a decision is made to take down or not put up a media release the officer making the decision has regard to the Guidelines for Ministerial and Agency Websites.

4. *Can you provide a copy of the email from a PM&C officer to AGD officers at 5:30pm on 1 June 2015?*

We understand PM&C is providing a copy of the email.

5. *Can you tell us, to the nearest \$10,000, what it would have cost for the time spent by officers in the department overseeing and working on the internal review?*

In addition to time spent by Senior Executive Service officers overseeing the work of the review, the department estimates that the cost of the time spent by non-SES officers in the department on the review would be somewhere in the range of \$5000-\$10,000.