

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
BUDGET ESTIMATES 2014-2015

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman

Outcome/Program:

Outcome 1. Fair and accountable administrative action by Australian Government agencies by investigating complaints, reviewing administrative action and inspecting statutory compliance by law enforcement agencies.

Topic: Office of the Australian Information Commissioner

Senator: Senator Wong

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Type of question: Written

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Question:

- (1) On what date, and in what form, was the Commonwealth Ombudsman advised the Abbott Government intended to abolish the Office of the Australian Information Commission and transfer some functions to the Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman?
- (2) How was the Commonwealth Ombudsman consulted on the transfer of some functions before the decision was made to abolish the Office of the Australian Information Commission?

Answer:

- (1) The Commonwealth Ombudsman was contacted by the Attorney-General's Department on 14 May 2014.
- (2) The Office was not consulted prior to the announcement in the Budget.