

**Minister representing the Prime Minister in the Senate**

**SENATE QUESTION**

Costs for the Australian Cyber Security Centre establishment by 2015

**Question No. 1147**

**Senator the Hon Penny Wong** asked the Minister representing the Prime Minister in the Senate on 6 November 2014:

With reference to page 27 of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet Annual Report 2013-14:

- (1) Will the Australian Cyber Security Centre be established 'by 2015'.
- (2) What costs have been expended on the establishment of the centre to date.

**Senator the Hon George Brandis QC** - The Prime Minister has provided the following answer to the Honourable Senator's question:

As the Honourable Senator is aware, Prime Minister Turnbull was sworn in as Prime Minister on 15 September 2015. As the Honourable Senator's question relates to matters before that date, the Prime Minister is advised by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet that:

- (1) The Australian Cyber Security Centre was opened on 27 November 2014.
- (2) The budget to establish the Australian Cyber Security Centre was \$15.06 million, to be provided by the Defence and the Attorney-General's portfolios. The final cost to establish the Australian Cyber Security Centre was \$14.61 million.