

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

Group 2

Question No. 35

Senator Singh asked the following question at the hearing on 24 February 2014:

Senator SINGH: On what date did you announce the appointment of Mr Wilson?

Senator Brandis: On the afternoon of 17 February, after his appointment had been made.

Senator SINGH: Professor Triggs, when were you made aware of Mr Wilson's appointment to the position? On what date?

Prof. Triggs : I do not think I recall that date. I would have to take it on notice, to be perfectly honest. It was certainly before Christmas.

Senator Brandis: I did advise Professor Triggs of the cabinet's decision to make a recommendation to Her Excellency the Governor-General when the cabinet at its December meeting decided to make that recommendation. So Professor Triggs was not waiting until 17 February, if that is what you are getting at.

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

The Attorney-General advised the President of the decision of Cabinet to appoint Mr Wilson on Tuesday 17 December.