

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

**Group 3**

**Question No. 47**

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

Senator Brandis: It is. As far as Mr Govey, who represents the Australian Government Solicitor's office here, knows, there has not been a reply. Like Mr Wilkins, I would not necessarily have expected a reply to a letter of that kind. Perhaps, Mr Govey, you would be good enough to make an inquiry of the relevant officer to establish whether or not a reply arrived.

Senator LUDWIG: Thank you. One would have expected at least a confirmation, even if it was just a thank you for the documents enclosed. I would have expected it may have said more. It may even have included an agreement to that. To date you are not aware, but you will search the records.

Senator Brandis: We will see.

Senator LUDWIG: That would be helpful. Thank you.

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

The Cabinet documents were hand delivered to the CEO of the Royal Commission into the Home Insulation Program under cover of the letter from the Australian Government Solicitor (AGS) dated 31 January 2014, and on the terms set out in that letter.

A copy of the 31 January 2014 letter was also sent by email on 31 January to the Office of the Royal Commission and to the solicitors assisting the Royal Commission. AGS received a 'thank you' acknowledgement by email on the same day from one of the solicitors assisting the Royal Commission.