

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

Group 2

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Question No. 155

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

Royal Commission into the Home Insulation Program

The AGS letter to the Royal Commission dated 31 January 2014, tabled by Senator Brandis during Senate Estimates, assumes at [12] that the Commission may show Cabinet documents to those who have already seen those documents without the need for the Commonwealth to assert public interest immunity. How is the Commission to know which persons have seen which Cabinet documents without disclosing the nature or contents of those documents?

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

The letter dated 31 January 2014 sets out the basis upon which the Commonwealth has produced Cabinet documents to the Royal Commission.