

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

**Group 1**

**Question No. 156**

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

Royal Commission into the Home Insulation Program

- 1) What processes are in place to ensure the physical security of the Cabinet documents provided to the Royal Commission into the Home Insulation Program?
- 2) Where are the Cabinet documents provided to the Royal Commission currently stored?
- 3) What processes are in place to ensure that copies are not made of the Cabinet documents provided to the Royal Commission?
- 4) Which officers of the Royal Commission currently have access to the Cabinet documents provided to the Royal Commission?
- 5) In the event of a breach of security, what processes are in place to protect the confidentiality of the Cabinet documents provided to the Royal Commission?

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

- 1-2) Documents are physically secured in the Commission's offices in Canberra and Brisbane.
- 3) The Commission stores, secures and transfers the documents in accordance with the Australian Government Protective Security Policy Framework and guidelines.
- 4) The Commissioner, Mr Ian Hanger AM QC, Counsel Assisting the Commission, the Chief Executive Officer of the Office of the Royal Commission, and senior lawyers assisting the Commission with appropriate clearance currently have access to the documents on a 'need to know' basis.
- 5) This question is a hypothetical. Appropriate security procedures are in place.