

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

**Group 2**

**Program 1.8**

**Question No. 159**

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

Royal Commission into the Home Insulation Program

1) Has the Attorney-General or his department provided advice to other departments, including PMC, concerning their handling of cabinet docs and any summons?

a. If so, when?

b. If so, in what form did that advice take?

2) When did the Attorney-General become aware that summons had been issued to the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet?

i. In what format was that information delivered to him?

ii Who informed the Attorney-General?

iii. Where was the Attorney-General at that time?

3) When did the Secretary become aware that summons had been issued to the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet?

i. In what format was that information delivered to him?

ii Who informed the Attorney-General?

iii. Where was the Attorney-General at that time?

4) Did the Attorney-General's Department or Secretary inform the Attorney-General that summons had been issued to the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet?

i. If so, when?

ii. If so, in what form did that notification take?

5) When did the Attorney-General become aware that the Australian Government Solicitor had provided cabinet documents from the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet to the Royal Commission?

i. How was the Attorney-General made aware?

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

1. The Attorney-General's Department did not provide legal advice to other departments on the handling of Cabinet documents and any summons.
2. The Attorney-General's Department submitted a brief to the Attorney-General on these matters on 29 January 2014.

3. See answer to 2.

4. See answer to 2.

5. See answer to 2.