

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

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**Question No. AE16/046**

**Senator Collins asked the following question at the hearing on 9 February 2016:**

Senator Brandis: As I say, Senator Cash wrote to the crossbenchers. I wrote to Mr Dreyfus. I did show Senator Cash a copy of my letter to Mr Dreyfus in draft and she was happy with it. It was not sent to him until it had been cleared by her office as well.

Senator JACINTA COLLINS: You have taken on notice what providence there might be from the commissioner in relation to the conditions that the government has applied. Can I ask whether—

Senator Brandis: I think they did come from the commissioner, but I am just not 100 per cent sure which is why I am taking it on notice.

Senator JACINTA COLLINS: Yes. So I have further questions in relation to that issue that you might take on notice, please.

Senator Brandis: Sure.

Senator JACINTA COLLINS: Does the royal commissioner say anything about it only going to one member of the opposition?

Senator Brandis: I am not sure. I will take that on notice.

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

The Royal Commissioner did not nominate particular individuals to whom the confidential volume of the Final Report could be shown. However, the nature of the material in the confidential volumes, touching on matters of law enforcement and having implications for the safety of some witnesses, is such that its publication would be contrary to the public interest.