

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

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**Question: BE14/023**

**Senator FAULKNER asked the following question at the hearing on 26-29 May 2014:**

Senator FAULKNER: Thank you for that. Finally, Minister, was there any proposal for you to attend the Bali meeting planned for 6 and 7 May? I think you are aware the Prime Minister decided not to attend. Given the role of your department, I wondered if there had been any invitation for you or an Attorney-General's department official to attend.

Senator Brandis: In relation to myself, I do not recall receiving an invitation but I will check to make sure that that is so. I will take that on notice but, to the best of my recollection, no. In relation to officers of the department, Mr Wilkins might be able to help you.

Mr Wilkins: Apparently, we did not attend. I am not aware as to whether we received an invitation; but we did not attend.

Senator FAULKNER: If there is any further information that you can provide the committee after checking, I would appreciate it. I thank the witnesses for that information. Appreciating that this agency is no longer the lead agency for this particular element of government, please follow those other matters through.

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

Neither the Attorney-General nor officers of the Attorney-General's Department received an invitation to attend the Open Government Partnership meeting in Bali in May 2014.