

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS

BUDGET ESTIMATES 2017

Attorney General's Department

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Question No. BE17-016

Senator Waters asked the following question on 24 May 2017:

Senator WATERS: Did you have any conversations with the Queensland Resources Council about intervening?

Senator Brandis: I had conversations with Mr Macfarlane, who is the CEO of the Queensland Resources Council, in relation to a range of matters concerning the amendments to the Native Title Act.

Senator WATERS: What date was that?

Senator Brandis: Over many occasions since the McGlade decision was given in February. I am trying to recall whether any of those conversations dealt with the question of intervention in the Kemppi proceedings. I cannot immediately remember if they did.

Senator WATERS: If you could take that on notice to double check your memory.

Senator Brandis: I will take that on notice to refresh my memory, but I do not recall immediately a conversation about that. It may have arisen incidentally.

The response to the honourable Senator's question is as follows:

The Attorney-General has nothing to add to his answers to Senator Waters.