

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
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Attorney General's Department

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Question No. BE17-017

Senator Waters asked the following question on 24 May 2017:

Senator WATERS: Did you receive any requests from Adani or their lobbyists, or the Queensland Resources Council asking you to intervene?

Senator Brandis: I have not dealt with Adani at all. And I do not know if Adani has any lobbyists, but if they do have lobbyists I have not dealt with them. As I have said, I have had a lot of conversations with Mr Macfarlane and others who advise him concerning the McGlade decision and its implications. I will check whether there is any piece of correspondence from Mr Macfarlane asking me—

CHAIR: Or the Queensland government?

Senator Brandis: I have spoken to Dr Lynham, the Queensland minister.

Senator WATERS: Just to finish your earlier thought there, Attorney, you will take on notice whether or not Mr Macfarlane asked you to intervene?

Senator Brandis: I will check the correspondence.

Senator WATERS: Thank you.

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

The Department is not aware of any correspondence from Mr Macfarlane to the Attorney-General or the Department seeking Commonwealth intervention in the matter of *Kemppi & Ors v Adani & Ors* (QUD194/2017).