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ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S PORTFOLIO

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Senator O'Sullivan asked the following question at the hearing on 20 November 2014:

Senator O'SULLIVAN: Thank you for that comprehensive answer, but it was absolutely non-responsive to the question that I asked you. In February 2013 or thereabouts, did you consult anybody in the department about your thinking that we needed to hold an inquiry one year from then?

Prof. Triggs: I will take that on notice. We have, and have had, very close relations with the department of immigration and I think it very likely that the team working in the commission in this area will have—because we have weekly telephone meetings with them and I and other members of the commission meet them regularly. I would have to provide the evidence that the matter was raised, but I cannot speak specifically as to when that occurred.

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

No I did not.