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Question:

Senator RHIANNON: Mr Walker, have you met with any civil society groups?

Mr Walker: Yes.

Senator RHIANNON: Which ones.

Mr Walker: I wonder if I could supply you a list on notice. I have it exhaustively listed but it suffices to say that I have met with extremely helpful groups and individuals from the academy, from outside the academy and from the legal profession, all of which I would include in the expression 'civil society'. Some are groups with names that you will recognise and some are less formal than that.

Answer: The following is a list of persons and organisations from civil society consulted during the period beginning 21 April 2011 (the date of the appointment of Mr Bret Walker SC to the office of Independent National Security Legislation Monitor) until 16 December 2011 (the date the first annual report of the Independent National Security Legislation Monitor was given to the Prime Minister).

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