

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

Question No. 10

Senator Brown asked the following question at the hearing on 13 February 2007

- a) Has the Minister had any communications or meetings with, the Exclusive Brethren?
- b) i) If so, what were the names of the representatives?
 - ii) what matters were discussed?
 - iii) when did the meeting/s take place?

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

- a) The question of communications with representatives from the Exclusive Brethren is addressed in the response to Senate Estimates question number 20. The former Minister for Justice and Customs (Senator the Hon Chris Ellison) met with representatives of the Exclusive Brethren on two occasions, once in his electorate office on 12 July 2006 and in his Canberra office on 9 August 2006.
- b) Consistent with general practice, it would not be appropriate to comment on the substance of those private meetings.