

SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

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Question No. 8

Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 24 May 2006:

Did the Attorney-General give instructions that there was to be no flexibility with the 3 July start-up date of the Family Relationship Centres?

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

The Attorney-General stated that the Government expected all of the first 15 Family Relationship Centres to deliver services from 3 July 2006. (In Townsville's case that meant 4 July as it was a public holiday there on 3 July 2006.) The Attorney-General approved interim arrangements for Centres located in Townsville, Strathpine, Mildura and, if needed, Wollongong. All Centres opened on schedule.