

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
FEDERAL COURT OF AUSTRALIA

Question No. 139

Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 24 May 2007:

Following the graffiti incident mentioned in October Estimates:

- a) Are you able to indicate what contact the Federal Court had with the media over this incident, and what contact it had with other government departments in relation to the incident?
- b) Did the Court have contact with the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet over this incident?
 - i) If so, please give details as to the content of this contact, when this contact was made and what arose out of this contact.

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

- a) A journalist from News Limited contacted the Court's Director of Public Information about the incident and information was provided. There was no contact by the Court with other Australian government departments. The incident was reported to the New South Wales Police Force.
- b) There was no contact by the Court with the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet over this incident.