

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT SOLICITOR

Question No. 74

Senator Brandis asked the following question at the hearing on 27 May 2008:

Amendments to the Reserve Bank Act:

- a) Has the Australian Government Solicitor provided advice in writing to the Treasury?
- b) If so, what is the date or dates of that advice?
- c) Was Counsel briefed?
- d) If so, what is the name of Counsel briefed, what date were instructions given to Counsel and what was the date that Counsel's advice was received?

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

As advised by the CEO of AGS at the hearing on 27 May 2008, the Treasury has responsibility for this particular matter. On this occasion, following consultation with the Treasury, AGS is able to provide the following responses.

- a) Yes.
- b) 15 May 2008 and 28 May 2008.
- c) No.
- d) Not applicable.