



Australian Government
Attorney-General's Department

Secretary

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Senator Trish Crossin
Chair
Senate Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Senator

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2012-13 – Australian Government Solicitor

On 16 October 2012, the Attorney-General's Department (AGD) appeared before the Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee in relation to the 2012-13 Supplementary Budget Estimates.

I would like to correct evidence AGD provided in relation to conferences or teleconferences held between officers of AGD, officers of the Australian Government Solicitor (AGS), counsel and the Attorney-General in relation to the *Ashby v Commonwealth* proceedings.

It was stated that there were four such conferences. I am now advised that there were in fact three such conferences.

The teleconference referred to on Saturday 9 June did not include the Attorney-General. That teleconference was held between officers of AGS and counsel only.

I apologise to the Committee for the need to make this correction.

Yours sincerely

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