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

Group 3

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Question No. 55

Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 18 November 2013:

Since being sworn in as Minister,

1. Has the Justice Minister contacted the Queensland Treasurer (the state Treasurer)?

If so,

- a) how did the Minister contact the state Treasurer?
- b) What was the nature of the contact?
- c) What did issues did the Minister raise with the state Treasurer?
- d) What was the state Treasurer's response?
- 2. Have the two met in person?

If so,

- a) when?
- b) what did they discuss?
- c) What did issues did the Minister raise with the state Treasurer?
- d) What was the state Treasurer's response?
- 3. When will the Minister next make contact with the state Treasurer?
- 4. For 1. and 2. above; If not, why not?

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

- 1. The Department is not aware of any contact between the Minister for Justice and the Queensland Treasurer, to 18 November 2013. However, the department may not be aware of all contact at ministerial level.
- 2. The Department is not aware of any meeting between the Minister for Justice and the Queensland Treasurer to 18 November 2013.
- 3. The Department is not able to answer this question.
- 4. The Department is not able to answer this question.