

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

Group 3

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Question No. 60

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

Has the Justice Minister participated in the Queensland Disaster Recovery Cabinet Committee?

1. If yes,
 - a) when?
 - b) where was the meeting held?
 - c) what was discussed?
 - d) what did the Minister raise?
 - e) what outcomes came from the meeting?
 - f) what public announcements came from the meeting?
2. If not,
 - a) why not?
 - b) what has the Minister done to seek redress this breach the National Partnership Agreement for Natural Disaster Reconstruction and Recovery?

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

The National Partnership Agreement for Natural Disaster Reconstruction and Recovery (NPA) provides for Commonwealth Ministerial participation in the relevant Queensland Cabinet Committee to facilitate good communication between Queensland and Commonwealth Cabinet Committees regarding the reconstruction and recovery effort (clause 29).

The Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development, the Hon Warren Truss MP, is responsible for oversight of the Queensland reconstruction and recovery effort associated with flooding and cyclone events between November 2010 and January 2013 in accordance with the NPA.