

**Senate Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs  
Handling of a letter sent by Mr Man Haron Monis to the Attorney-General**

**Written Question on Notice from Senator Ludwig to the Attorney-General's  
Department and the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet dated 25 June 2015**

*By 2 July, could the Attorney-General's Department and the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet please provide the committee with copies of all correspondence (together with an index) relevant to the dealings with the Monis letter sent or received between Thursday 28 May 2015 and Thursday 4 June 2015 (in redacted form, where appropriate), including any correspondence or notes of discussions between officers of the department and relevant ministerial offices including the office of the Attorney-General, the office of the Prime Minister and the office of the Foreign Minister.*

Answer:

In providing the below information, the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet has taken "the Monis letter" to be that of 7 October 2015, and provide correspondence between:

- the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C) and the Attorney-General's Department (AGD);
- PM&C and the Prime Minister's Office (PMO); and
- the Attorney-General's Office and PM&C.

Documents have been redacted to remove the names of individuals other than SES officers, telephone numbers and email addresses, where PM&C considers the information to be out of scope, or where providing the information could reasonably be expected to cause damage to relations between the Commonwealth and a State.

<b>No.</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>1</b>	28 May 2015	PMO to PM&C
<b>2</b>	1 June 2015	Attorney-General's Office to PM&C. <i>The attachment of this email is a version of a QTB which was the subject of a question taken on notice by AGD, a response to which was received by the committee on 23 June 2015.</i>
<b>3</b>	1 June 2015 <i>[11.50am]</i>	PM&C (Mr McKinnon) to PMO
<b>4</b>	1 June 2015 <i>[12.15pm]</i>	PM&C (Mr McKinnon) to AGD
<b>5</b>	1 June 2015 <i>[12.15pm]</i>	PM&C to AGD
<b>6</b>	1 June 2015 <i>[1.57pm]</i>	AGD to PM&C (Mr McKinnon) <i>PM&amp;C considers the attachments to this email are out of scope.</i>
<b>7</b>	1 June 2015 <i>[5.30pm]</i>	PM&C (Mr McKinnon) to AGD <i>Note: this has been tabled previously (25 June 2015)</i>

<b>No.</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>8</b>	1 June 2015 <i>[6.15pm]</i>	PM&C (Mr McKinnon) to AGD
<b>9</b>	1 June 2015 <i>[10.36pm]</i>	PM&C (Mr McKinnon) and AGD
<b>10</b>	2 June 2015 <i>[12.07pm]</i>	PM&C (Mr McKinnon) to AGD
<b>11</b>	2 June 2015 <i>[2.02pm]</i>	Mr McKinnon and PMO
<b>12</b>	2 June 2015 <i>[6.39pm]</i>	Mr Thawley to Mr Comley (attachment)
<b>13</b>	2 June 2015 <i>[6.48pm]</i>	Mr Comley to Mr Thawley
<b>14</b>	4 June 2015 <i>[12.53pm]</i>	PM&C to PMO (unsigned attachment)
<b>15</b>	4 June 2015 <i>[1.47pm]</i>	PMO to PM&C (signed attachment)
<b>16</b>	4 June 2015 <i>[1.47pm]</i>	PM&C (Mr McKinnon) and AGD
<b>17</b>	4 June 2015 <i>[1.48pm]</i>	PM&C and PMO
<b>18</b>	4 June 2015 <i>[1.52pm]</i>	PM&C to Mr Comley (signed attachment)
<b>19</b>	4 June 2015 <i>[6.19pm]</i>	PM&C and AGD