

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

Group 2

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Question No. 129

Senator Singh asked the following question at the hearing on 24 February 2014:

1) Did the Attorney-General's Department consult with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Services (ATSILS) before determining that funding to Aboriginal legal assistance would be cut?

i. If so: (a) when did this consultation occur? (b) With whom did this consultation occur?

ii. If no consultation with ATSILS occurred, why not?

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

No. This decision of the Government implements an election commitment.