

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

Program: 1.1 AGD Operating Expenses - Civil Justice and Legal Services

Question No. AE17/041

Senator Wong asked the following question at the hearing on 28 February 2017:

Senator WONG: Is there any reference in any document that you have cited, or been advised about, of a conversation prior to 4 March with Mr Mischin?

Senator Brandis: I will take that on notice, because I—

Senator WONG: You cannot tell us?

Senator Brandis: I will take it on notice.

Senator WONG: Have you spoken to your staff about this?

Senator Brandis: I will ask my staff. That is why I am taking it on notice.

Senator WONG: Have you spoken to your staff about these matters?

Senator Brandis: I have spoken to my staff about the Bell matter very often.

Senator WONG: I am sure. Have any of your staff advised you of their knowledge of a phone call prior to 4 March with Mr Mischin?

Senator Brandis: I will make that inquiry—

Senator WONG: You have not asked them?

Senator Brandis: and I will take the question on notice.

REPEATED QUESTION:

Senator WONG: I am asking: to your knowledge, do any of your staff have any knowledge of a conversation prior to 4 March between yourself and Mr Mischin?

Senator Brandis: And I have taken that on notice so I can inquire.

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

No.