

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

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Senator Xenophon asked the following question at the hearing on 26-29 May 2014:

Senator XENOPHON: Sorry I was not here earlier. I think it finished earlier, because we have a ruthlessly efficient chair. I just want to go to the case of Fernandes and National Archives in the Administrative Appeals Tribunal. I think you are familiar with that. Professor Fernandes is someone I know quite well and I talk to about issues regularly. I understand that National Archives has decided to appeal to the Federal Court against the decision involving Professor Fernandes to the Federal Court. Is that right?

Mr Fricker: That is correct.

Senator XENOPHON: When was the decision of the AAT that you are appealing against made?

Mr Fricker: I am not sure I have the dates before me.

Senator XENOPHON: You may want to take it on notice, but it was obviously recently, in the last couple of months, was it?

Mr Fricker: It was, yes. We may be able to find that for you.

Mr Marsden: We will take it on notice, but it was early April, if that helps.

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

The date of the AAT's written reasons was 2 April 2014.