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ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S PORTFOLIO

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Senator Collins asked the following question at the hearing on 27 and 28 May 2015:

Senator JACINTA COLLINS: No, I am going back now to the discussion we had yesterday about the letter that was received by the Attorney-General and I am asking about the concept of the Islamic State. When did that concept come into existence? When was the Islamic State declared?

Mr Lewis: I will have to check on that. It was in the middle of last year sometime. I might have to come back to you on the precise date.

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

The group claimed itself the Caliphate on 29 June 2014.