

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
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Question No. SBE15/035

Senator Bilyk asked the following question at the hearing on 20 October 2015:

Senator BILYK: What were the terms of settlement between Australia and Timor-Leste? You have just said it is not confidential.

Senator Brandis: We will provide you with a copy, Senator.

Senator BILYK: You will provide me with a copy?

Senator Brandis: Yes.

Senator BILYK: When might that be?

Senator Brandis: We will take the question on notice so that, rather than paraphrasing a legal instrument, you will have the actual terms for your own private study.

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

On 2 June 2015, Timor-Leste notified Australia and the International Court of Justice that it had decided to discontinue the proceedings in the *Questions relating to the Seizure and Detention of Certain Documents and Data (Timor--Leste v. Australia)* case. On 9 June, Australia notified the Court that it did not oppose the discontinuance of the proceedings. On 11 June 2015 the Court recorded the discontinuance and removed the matter from its list. The Order of discontinuance is at **Attachment A**.