

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS  
FAMILY COURT OF AUSTRALIA

**Question No. 41**

**Senator Brandis asked the following question at the hearing on 22 February 2011:**

**Senator BRANDIS**—Did the Chief Justice give an address to start or conclude the proceedings or at any other time [at the meeting from five days ago on Friday 18 February 2011]?

**Ms Fillipello**—The Chief Justice kindly made an opening statement, yes.

**Senator BRANDIS**—Is a copy of that statement available?

**Ms Fillipello**—I do not recall it being recorded.

**Senator BRANDIS**—Did the Chief Justice speak from a text?

**Ms Fillipello**—The Chief Justice would have had some notes.

**Senator BRANDIS**—Mr Foster, can you please take on notice that I would like a copy of the text of that statement or any relevant notes, please.

**Mr R Foster**—I will take it on notice.

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

The Chief Justice did address the judges at the commencement of the workshop about the case management matters to be considered. The notes are not produced because this workshop concerned matters of a judicial nature and matters incidental to the exercise of judicial power. It did not canvass matters of an administrative or structural nature.