

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

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Question No. 25

Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 24 May 2007:

Devolution of OFLC Policy functions to AGD:

- (a) On what date did the Government direct Departments to review Agencies in relation to the Uhrig review?
- (b) When did AGD first discuss the transfer of OFLC Policy functions with the Department of Finance?
- (c) On what date did the Department make a submission to the Attorney-General recommending the policy functions be transferred to the Department?
- (d) On what date did the Classification Policy Branch commence within AGD?

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

- (a) The Minister for Finance and Administration, Senator the Hon Nick Minchin, announced the Government's response to the review of corporate governance of statutory authorities and office holders (Uhrig Report) on 12 August 2004. On 18 August 2004, the Department of Finance and Administration sent a letter to the Attorney-General's Department stating that the Government had agreed that Ministers would assess their portfolio bodies against the governance principles and templates recommended in the Uhrig Report.
- (b) The Attorney-General's Department first discussed the transfer of policy functions from the OFLC to AGD with the Department of Finance and Administration within the period 14 to 17 February 2006.
- (c) 30 January 2006.
- (d) 27 February 2006.