

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

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Question No. 107

Senator Brandis asked the following question at the hearing on 27 May 2008:

Has legal advice been obtained from the Australian Government Solicitor, a private firm of solicitors or from Counsel in relation to any aspect of the constitutional conduct of the Clarke Inquiry? If so, what is the date on which advice was received and from whom was it obtained?

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

As Mr Ian Govey informed the Committee at the hearing on 27 May 2008, the Attorney-General's Department sought advice from the Australian Government Solicitor (AGS) in relation to defamation as part of the preparations for the Clarke Inquiry and that advice was provided by AGS on 4 March 2008.