

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

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**Question No. 16**

**Senator Barnett asked the following question at the hearing on 24 May 2010:**

On what date did the Minister for Home Affairs write to the States and Territories about the letter described in Question on Notice 16 from the February Additional Estimates? Please provide a copy of this letter.

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

The Minister for Home Affairs wrote on 30 April 2010 to his State and Territory counterparts about the letter described in Question on Notice 16 from the February Additional Estimates. The Minister only wrote to those of his counterparts who had replied to that earlier letter. In addition, the then Acting First Assistant Secretary, Kym Duggan, wrote on 22 April 2010 to Police Commissioners from whom replies were received to the earlier letter. He also wrote to the Northern Territory Police Commissioner on 28 April 2010 and to the Commissioner of the Australian Federal Police on 2 June 2010.

A copy of each of those letters is attached.