

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

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Question No. 54

Senator Brandis asked the following question at the hearing on 20 October 2008:

In relation to the ASIC announcement on the Government's measures to address the global financial crisis, announced on 12 October 2008:

- (a) was legal advice provided from the Department to Treasury and the Department of Finance and Deregulation given in documentary form, and
- (b) can the Committee be provided with a copy of that advice?

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

The Attorney-General's Department provided oral advice on some measures announced by the Government on 12 October 2008 and brief written comments on documents subsequently prepared by the Treasury. It would not be appropriate, or accord with usual practice, to provide a copy of the legal advice obtained by the Treasury in relation to this matter. As noted, the Department did not provide advice on measures announced by ASIC.