

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS  
AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT SOLICITOR (AGS)

**Question No. 32**

**Senator Brandis asked the following question at the hearing on 16 October 2012:**

**Senator BRANDIS:** What about the Australian Government Solicitor? Were they in the Attorney-General's office at that conference on 9 June?

**Mr Fredericks:** I cannot recall that.

**Senator BRANDIS:** Do you remember, Mr Govey?

**Mr Govey:** I do not have the answer to that.

**Senator BRANDIS:** You might ask Mr O'Donovan.

**Mr Govey:** We are not in a position to provide that information.

**Senator BRANDIS:** Why not? Don't you know?

**Mr Govey:** No, we do not know. We will take it on notice if that would help.

**Senator BRANDIS:** Please do take that on notice.

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

Following the hearing on 16 October 2012, the Attorney-General's Department wrote to the Committee clarifying that there was no conference between AGS, the Attorney-General, the Department and counsel on 9 June 2012. AGS did not have any conference with the Attorney-General or the Attorney-General's Department on that day.