

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

**Group 3**

**Program 1.2**

**Question No. 53**

**Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 18 November 2013:**

1. Has the Justice Minister contacted the Queensland Reconstruction Authority (the QRA)?

If so,

- a) how did the Minister contact the QRA?
- b) What was the nature of the contact?
- c) What did issues did the Minister raise with the QRA?
- d) What was the QRA's response?

2. Has the Minister met in person with the QRA?

If so,

- a) who?
- b) when?
- c) what did they discuss?
- d) What did issues did the Minister raise with the QRA?
- e) What was the QRA's response?

3. When will the Minister next make contact with the QRA?

4. For 1. and 2. above; If not, why not?

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

1. The Department is not aware of any contact between the Minister for Justice and the Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA), to 18 November 2013. However, the department may not be aware of all contact at ministerial level.
2. The Department is not aware of any meeting between the Minister for Justice and the QRA to 18 November 2013.
3. The Department is not able to answer this question.
4. The Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development, the Hon Warren Truss MP, is responsible for oversight of the Queensland reconstruction and recovery effort associated with flooding and cyclone events between November 2010 and January 2013 which is administered through the QRA. Attorney-General's Department (Emergency Management Australia) is also in regular contact with QRA.