

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

Group 3

Program 1.2

Question No. 54

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

Since being sworn in as Minister,

1. Has the Justice Minister contacted the Queensland Minister for Local Government, Community Recovery and Resilience (the state Minister)?

If so,

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

2. Have the two met in person?

If so,

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

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

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 aware of contact by letter from the Queensland Minister for Local Government, Community Recovery and Resilience to the Minister for Justice. 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. The Department has referred the Queensland Minister's letter to the Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development for response.

2. The Department is not aware of any meeting between the Minister for Justice and the Queensland Minister for Local Government, Community Recovery and Resilience, 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.