

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

Group 3

Program 1.2

Question No. 57

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 or been contacted by the Commonwealth National Disaster Recovery Taskforce (the Taskforce)?

If so,

- a) how did the Minister contact the Taskforce?
- b) What was the nature of the contact?
- c) What did issues did the Minister raise with the Taskforce?

2. Has the Minister met the Taskforce in person?

If so,

- a) when?
- b) what did they discuss?
- c) What did issues did the Minister raise with the Taskforce?

3. When will the Minister next make contact with the Taskforce

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 Commonwealth National Disaster Recovery Taskforce (Taskforce), 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 Taskforce 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 in accordance with the Queensland National Partnership Agreement for Natural Disaster Reconstruction and Recovery

(NPA). The Taskforce administers the NPA and is located within the Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development.