

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

Question No. 61

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

1. Has the Attorney-General or the Minister for Justice received a charter letter from the Prime Minister or is it expected that a charter letter will be received?
2. What is the division of responsibilities between the Attorney-General and the Minister for Justice?
3. Are those arrangements finalised or could they change on receipt of a charter letter from the Prime Minister?
4. Where are these arrangements recorded – where can we find them?

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

1. The Attorney-General has received a charter letter from the Prime Minister.
2. - 4. The division of ministerial responsibilities has been finalised and is publicly available on the following ministerial websites.

<http://www.attorneygeneral.gov.au/Pages/Portfolio.aspx>

<http://www.ministerjustice.gov.au/Pages/Portfolio.aspx>