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**Senator LAMBIE** (Tasmania) (14:36): My question is to Senator Brandis, the spokesperson for the Abbott government in this place today. I refer the senator to section 99 of the interim report of the Hayden royal commission, which examined a confidential or secret report. As the senator is aware, the Commissioner examining organised crime, union and/or political corruption wrote:

It is necessary for that volume to be confidential in order to protect the physical well-being of those witnesses and their families. This is unfortunate, because the confidential volume reveals grave threats to the power and authority of the Australian state.

I also refer the senator to a transcript of a media report where Senator Abetz refused to directly answer the question:

What is the grave threat that he's—

the Commissioner is—

talking about?

Has the senator or any other members of the Abbott government had official access to a copy of the Hayden royal commission confidential report and, if so, how many members?