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**Senator:** Kitching

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**Question:**

**Senator KITCHING:** Ms Huxtable, we are entering into a brave new world of new procurement rules from 1 March. Did you give any advice regarding the changes to the procurement rules?

**Ms Huxtable:** We did provide advice on that at the time, yes.

**Senator KITCHING:** So when did you do that? What dates?

**Ms Huxtable:** I am happy to take on notice the exact dates.

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**Senator KITCHING:** In that week when the ABCC bill was before the Senate, was there advice given in that week, or was there advice given previous to that week?

**Senator Cormann:** Well, there was advice given previous to that week, of course.

**Senator KITCHING:** When? Was it the week before?

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**Senator Cormann:** We have taken that on notice.

**Senator KITCHING: Ms Huxtable?**

**Ms Huxtable:** I am sorry. I do not recollect the exact details. I certainly know that we provided advice, I would say at that time and previous to that time. But I would have to take it on notice. You are asking for the exact dates.

**Answer:**

The Department of Finance provided advice on 28 November 2016.