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Senator FIFIELD asked:

Senator FIFIELD: ..To the ATO—and the answer is probably 'no'—I assume that when there is just an increase to a levy of this nature there is no need for additional staff, that that is accommodated within your existing, generous, resourcing.

Mr Olesen: A change of that nature is not a complicated thing.

Senator FIFIELD: I would not have thought so for a second.

When did the ATO first become aware that an increase to the Medicare levy was in contemplation?

Mr Olesen: We will have to take that on notice.

Answer:

The ATO and Treasury had discussions about a proposal to increase the Medicare levy in the period preceding the announcement.