

QUESTION ON NOTICE / Spoken

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Topic: Briefing - Sanctions and Options

Mr Julian Hill MP

Question

Mr HILL: The minister says she is taking advice and reviewing that with colleagues. Has the department provided formal written advice in relation to these matters by way of a briefing to the minister?

Mr Jadwat: In relation to sanctions and consideration of policies?

Mr HILL: Targeted sanctions and options.

Mr Jadwat: Yes. There has been an active dialogue with the minister and the minister's office on these issues. I won't go into the detail of the policy advice, but I can say that these issues are all being canvassed at the moment.

Mr HILL: I think we're entitled to an answer in terms of the subject of the briefs, the dates on which briefs were provided and whether they were for decision—but not on the content of the advice. Could you take that on notice and provide us with details as to whether briefs were requested and when they were provided.

Answer

- Since 1 February, the Minister for Foreign Affairs has requested, on multiple occasions, advice from DFAT on options for Myanmar targeted sanctions. DFAT has provided three formal submissions on Myanmar that address sanctions-related issues.