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Online Safety Amendment (Social Media Minimum Age) Bill 2024 [Provisions]

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Division/Agency: DIV - Digital Platforms Safety and Classification

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Topic: Number of pages and recommendations in the Review of the Online Safety Act

Sarah Hanson-Young asked:

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: Why hasn't the review of the Online Safety Act been released?

Mr Chisholm: The timing of the release is a matter for government.

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: When was the review handed to the Minister?

Ms Vandenbroek: 31 October.

Mr Chisholm: The Minister referred to this in her speech two weeks ago to the Sydney Institute including reference to the duty of care that the government would introduce.

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: So the review was handed to the Minister on 31 October?

Ms Vandenbroek: That's correct.

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: And you're not going to tell us when that review is going to be released?

Mr Chisholm: Senator, we're stretching a bit beyond the -

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: No, this is directly related.

Mr Chisholm: - the Bill before you, but it is very much the case that when reviews are handed to government, the timing of release is a matter for government. It's not something that we as officials determine.

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: How many pages is the review?

Mr Chisholm: I'll take that on notice, Senator.

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: Do you have a copy of the review?

Mr Chisholm: Not in front of me, no.

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: How many recommendations are in the review?

Mr Chisholm: I'll take that on notice too, Senator, but there are many recommendations.

Answer:

The Independent Review of the Online Safety Act made 67 recommendations. The report is around 224 pages long.