

PJCIS Inquiry into the Foreign Influence Transparency Scheme Bill 2017

Questions on Notice

Question: (page 47, transcript)

Mr DREYFUS: That's very helpful. Is it possible, then, for the department to provide the committee with a list of those areas? I appreciate we've had some examples today where you've said you don't agree with what the Joint Media Organisations said, but you've got other areas that are in the other category of things that you think still warrant refinement and possible amendment.

Ms Harmer: I believe we have done that collectively through our supplementary submissions. You will recall the many pages of submissions—

Mr DREYFUS: Yes, I'm accepting that. I'm looking for a refined list that will actually say, 'These are the ones that we're still looking at amendments for.'

Ms Harmer: We could distil from our supplementary submissions and our remarks to this committee those things that we've drawn to the committee's attention that we are working on. If that assists, we can pull those together out of our supplementary submissions and our—

Mr DREYFUS: I reckon it would. I'm looking for anything that can give order to what is a somewhat disorderly process. And, when I say that, that's not a reflection on you; it's a reflection on the government.

Ms Harmer: We're happy to compile our comments thus far on those issues that we're giving further thought to.

Answer:

The table below is a compiled list of references to possible amendments that the department has at some point discussed in response to questions from the Committee during public hearings or on notice.

The department notes that consideration will be given to all amendments recommended by the Committee, regardless of whether they appear in the table below, and that these potential amendments are not necessarily endorsed by the department or the Government. They only appear in this table because they have at some point been discussed publicly.

Legislative Reference/Issue	Reference
Section 11 - 'in collaboration with'	Oral evidence, public hearing, 16 March 2018, page 50
Section 25	Attorney-General's Department, supplementary submission 5.1, pages 5, 31
Section 26	Attorney-General's Department, supplementary submission 5.1, page 34
Section 27	Oral evidence, public hearing, 31 January 2018, pages 36, 44
Charities	Attorney-General's Department, supplementary submission 5.1, pages 6, 10

Legislative Reference/Issue	Reference
Individual representations	Attorney-General's Department, supplementary submission 5.1, page 9 Attorney-General's Department, supplementary submission 5.2, page 5
Explanatory Memorandum - paragraph 210	Attorney-General's Department, supplementary submission 5.1, page 13
Explanatory Memorandum - paragraph 383	Attorney-General's Department, supplementary submission 5.1, pages 14, 30
Parliamentary privilege	Attorney-General's Department, supplementary submission 5.2, page 32 Oral evidence, public hearing, 16 March 2018