

**FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

**COAG Legislation Amendment Bill 2021**

**Monday 27 September 2021**

**Office of the Australian Information Commissioner**

**Senator Patrick asked the following question:**

Your submission talks about, in effect, a joint statement or a joint view of all of the information commissioners or equivalents around the country. When did you seek their input?

**The response to the honourable senator's question is as follows:**

The Office of the Australian Information Commissioner (OAIC) sought the preliminary views of Australian Information Access Commissioners and Ombudsmen at the bi-annual meeting of the Association of Information Access Commissioners held on 9 September 2021.

The Australian Information Commissioner provided the OAIC's draft submission to state and territory Commissioners and Ombudsmen on 16 September 2021. A further draft was provided on 21 September 2021 which was supported by state and territory Commissioners and Ombudsmen.