

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

**Treasury Portfolio**

**Inquiry into the Management and Assurance of Integrity by Consulting Services**

**Department:** Department of the Treasury  
**Topic:** Consultation of the four short-term measures  
**Reference:** Spoken  
**Senator:** Deborah O'Neill

**Question:**

Senator O'NEILL: The four pieces that you're referring to are the Tax Practitioners Board reforms, information-sharing, whistleblower protections, and reform of promoter penalty laws.

Ms Berger-Thomson: That's correct.

Senator O'NEILL: How many consultations did you undertake? Did you say you had 16 submissions?

Ms Berger-Thomson: Yes, 16 submissions. I'd have to take on notice the exact number of round tables and discussions, but certainly the team has been reaching out and liaising with all relevant stakeholders.

Senator O'NEILL: Are the relevant stakeholders and participants in the consultations and the round tables different from the 16 submitters?

Ms Berger-Thomson: I'd have to take that on notice.

**Answer:**

In relation to the 'Response to PwC measures' that were released for exposure draft consultation from 20 September – 4 October 2023, Treasury engaged in one roundtable discussion with 12 entities from a pre-existing forum of stakeholders. Members from across the tax, accounting and law professions (both government and non-government) participated.

In addition, Treasury engaged in two further stakeholder discussions – one of these with one stakeholder, and the other with representatives from three different stakeholders.

In total, Treasury has now received 19 written submissions, including 7 from stakeholders that attended a consultation discussion.