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Senator: Watt, Murray

Question:

Senator WATT: I perfectly accept that, but you are saying that the department's final advice—the submission, a briefing note or whatever it was—recommending this approach was provided to the minister some weeks ago?

Mr Bowles: It would be in the last few weeks. We have provided advice over time since the election, but there have been constant conversations about trying to work out how to look at the co-design concepts. That has been happening over the last few weeks. I could not tell you exactly when the last piece of advice was. I could take that on notice.

Answer:

The final advice recommending this approach was provided to the Minister by the Department on 22 September 2016.