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Senator Waters asked:

Senator WATERS: On that, earlier you implied that after the public consultation period had ended, particularly for Queensland and New South Wales, there might have been some revisions to the draft, based on the public comments received. Can you clarify for me if there have been any revisions based on the public comments and, particularly for Queensland, what are they? **Mr Tregurtha:** I would have to take that on notice as I was not in the position when the Queensland draft approval bilateral agreement was taken, so I cannot speak to that.

Answer:

Draft approval bilateral agreements with New South Wales and Queensland were released for public comment in May 2014. All public comments have been published on the Department's website.

Some minor and technical changes have been proposed and discussed between officials following public consultation, to further strengthen the draft agreements. These changes have not yet been considered or agreed by the Commonwealth and State governments.