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Senator Urquhart asked:

1. I would like to ask a few questions on the operational review of the National Television and Computer Recycling Scheme. Submissions to this review closed on 6 February - how many submissions were received?
2. When will these submissions be posted online [note, last checked on Wed 18/2]?
3. Were there many submissions from state and local governments?
4. Did the submissions raise serious concerns about the ongoing viability of the scheme, or were they generally supportive of the status quo?
5. A number of information sessions were also held in most capital cities. Were these well attended?
6. Is it possible to get a list of who attended these sessions?
7. Is there any reason to expect delays in the process?
8. Can we expect to see any regulatory changes that arise from the review drafted by June this year?

Answer:

1. 84 submissions were received.
2. All submissions will be published on the Department's website by 31 March 2015.
3. Six submissions were received from state governments and 49 from local government organisations.
4. The majority of submissions favour the continuation of the scheme and expressed support for operational changes to improve its efficiency and stability.
5. 165 stakeholders attended public information sessions in capital cities.
6. Information sessions were attended by local governments, state governments, co-regulatory arrangements, television and computer companies, recyclers, the social and disability sector, peak industry bodies and members of the public. The Department did not seek permission to publish the names of attendees.
7. The review process is on track to meet the timeframes outlined in the review paper.
8. Any regulatory changes arising from the review are expected to be in place by 1 July 2015.