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Topic: 11B repeal

Senator O'Neill, Deborah asked:

Senator O'NEILL: Following consultation, on what date was a proposal brief to repeal 11B first submitted for a decision to the minister?

Mr Mason: I would have to take the exact date on notice.

Senator O'NEILL: Would you be able to give me a rough date at this time?

Mr Mason: Not really. I think I will just take that on notice.

Senator O'NEILL: Was it this year or last year? Can you take a general shot in the dark?

CHAIR: I think Mr Mason said he would rather take it on notice.

Senator O'NEILL: An approximation?

CHAIR: I think you have asked that and he has indicated that he is not willing to speculate.

Mr Mason: From memory, the bill was introduced late last year. It would have been some time last year.

Senator O'NEILL: Thank you. And you will give me the date on notice?

Mr Mason: Yes.

Answer:

The Department provided a range of advice to the Minister and his Office on the Part XIB provisions in the four months to 1 December 2016, the date on which the proposed amendments were introduced in Parliament. This encompassed the period leading up to and after the Department's consultation on the Part XIB provisions.