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**Senator Waters asked:**

Senator WATERS: Minister, why has the government not responded to that special review?

Senator Birmingham: Well, the government is considering its response in the context of the overall review of climate change policies, Senator Waters.

Senator WATERS: Section 60 of the act requires a response within six months of the report. That was due by February. So that is a breach of the act by the government. Would you accept that?

Senator Birmingham: I do not have a copy of the act in front of me, so I would have to take that on notice.

**Answer:**

Following the release of the Special Review, the Minister said on 5 September 2016 “we thank the Climate Change Authority for their report, and obviously its recommendations will be considered in the context of our 2017 review”.

The Government’s response to the Climate Change Authority’s Special Review was tabled on 29 June 2017 as required by section 60(7)(b) of the *Climate Change Authority Act 2011*.