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Senator Waters asked:

Senator Birmingham, Parliamentary Secretary for the Environment has claimed that the MCA report supported the government's specific proposal to hand over approval powers to State and Territory governments. Senator Birmingham's press release from 19 August 2014 states: "I welcome the findings in this report as it demonstrates the gains we can achieve from streamlining the environmental approvals process through our one stop shop policy." Is it accurate to suggest that an average delay reduction of one year may be achieved as a result of the currently announced policies of the Government?

Answer:

Please refer to Supplementary Budget Estimates Question 107.