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Topic: Accessibility – Copyright amendment (Disability Access and Other Measures) Bill

Senator Urquhart, Anne asked:

Please provide an update on the Copyright Amendment (Disability Access and Other Measures) Bill?

- (a) What is its current status?
- (b) An exposure draft of the Bill was released for public comment at the beginning of 2016, what were the outcomes of that consultation process?
- (c) It was previously indicated the Bill would be introduced at the start of the new Parliamentary Term, is it still expected that the Bill will be introduced into parliament before the end of this year?

Answer:

- (a) An Exposure Draft Copyright Amendment (Disability Access and Other Measures) Bill (the Bill) was released for public comment on 23 December 2015. Comments received from that process are being considered.
- (b) The Department received a range of comments on the Bill's measures, which are currently being considered.
- (c) The timing of the introduction of the Bill is a matter for the Government.