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Senator SINODINOS asked:

Senator SINODINOS: Are you doing a submission to this review of the Fair Work Act regarding the implications of that act for productivity, flexibility and the like? Is Treasury involved in that process at all?

Dr Parkinson: I am not aware that we would be doing a submission. It is an unusual thing for a government department to do.

Senator SINODINOS: You would provide your assistance through the government process?

Dr Parkinson: Yes. There would be a government submission and we would provide input to the drafting.

Senator SINODINOS: Would it be a whole-of-government submission?

Dr Parkinson: This is the Fair Work Act review?

Senator SINODINOS: Yes.

Dr Parkinson: I would have to check. We would not be doing a submission of our own volition.

Answer:

The Treasury did not make a submission to the post-implementation review of the *Fair Work Act 2009*. Further, no whole-of-government submission was made.