Senate Economics Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Senator: Penny Wong

Ouestion:

Senator WONG: I think you may have answered this and I have momentarily forgotten—when was the 10-year cost of this measure first done?

Mr Brake: I think I said earlier today that it was some weeks before the budget.

Senator WONG: Was that the first occasion on which it was provided to the government? Senator Cormann: We might have to take the specific date on notice. You would not expect us off the top of our heads to remember precisely—

Senator WONG: I assume you undertook a 10-year number as a result of a government request or a government decision.

Answer:

Disclosing when this costing was provided to the Government would reveal deliberations of Cabinet.