

**Senate Economics Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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**Division/Agency:** Australian Taxation Office  
**Question No:** 144  
**Topic:** Single Touch Payroll  
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**Senator:** Dastyari, Sam

**Question:**

Senator DASTYARI: This is how you stop that happening again. Mr Jordan, the question that (1.) I had was: when did you put this proposal to government that they should move to Single Touch Payroll?

Mr Jordan: I do not have a single date on that.

Senator Cormann: We will take that on notice.

Senator DASTYARI: Can you take that on notice?

Senator Cormann: We will take on notice whether we can provide you with any assistance.  
[...]

(2.) Senator DASTYARI: If I can actually put two questions on notice, then—one question to the ATO: what have been your interactions with the government insofar as the development of this? It was your idea. At some point, obviously, it was pitched up. And if the department can separately answer those same questions about what the department's interaction have been with the ATO in the development of this.

**Answer:**

1. 22 May 2014.
2. The ATO consulted broadly with a range of stakeholders and worked with Treasury, as the lead policy agency, to progress Single Touch Payroll.

The ATO has attended forums with relevant Ministers on the development of Single Touch Payroll at events including the Small Business roundtable in April and June 2015. The ATO provides regular ministerial submissions to relevant Ministers regarding the progress of Single Touch Payroll.