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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Question No: 256

Topic: Free-range Egg information standards

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Senator: Rhiannon, Lee

Question:

Senator RHIANNON: How much contact did Treasury have with representatives of Egg Farmers of Australia and the Australian Egg Corporation regarding the development of the standard?

Ms Martin: They were consulted in the development of the standard.

Senator RHIANNON: When were you meeting with them?

Ms Martin: I would have to take that on notice.

Senator RHIANNON: Was it between the end of 2015 and leading up to March 2016?

Ms Martin: There would have been several meetings. I am not sure of the dates. I would have to take it on notice.

Senator RHIANNON: Did the Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources, or representatives of the minister, discuss the proposed information standard with small-business minister, Michael McCormack; Minister Kelly O'Dwyer; or any of your staff during this period?

Ms Martin: I am not aware of any discussions of that nature. I would have to take that on notice as well.

Answer:

- Treasury officials met with Egg Farmers Australia on 30 October 2015, 21 January 2016, and 7 February 2017.
- Treasury officials met with the Australian Egg Corporation Limited on 30 October 2015, 9 November 2015, and 11 December 2015.
- Yes.