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Question: **SBT 59**

Topic: **Paid Parental Leave Scheme**

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Senator WONG asked:

59. Senator WONG: So you said there is an IDC. Who chairs it?

Ms Croke: It is co-chaired between the Department of Social Services and the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.

Senator WONG: Can you just tell me what you understand to be the time frames around the IDC?

Ms Croke: The IDC is really ongoing until all of those design features are worked through and then it will be ongoing until implementation.

Senator WONG: Sorry, I should have said when do you think all of the design features will be worked through.

Ms Croke: There is legislation that would have to be drafted, implementation issues and project planning. There is kind of an ongoing—

Senator WONG: Are you working to a date for the drafting of the legislation?

Mr Ray: No, it is not our portfolio responsibility to draft the legislation.

Senator WONG: No, no. I am not asking you about that. I am just try to get a sense of various milestones that you are working to.

Ms Croke: The scheme starts on 1 July 2015—so, working to that time frame.

Senator WONG: Has the IDC been advised of the date by which drafting of the legislation must be completed?

Ms Croke: That question would probably be best answered by the Department of Social Services.

Senator WONG: Sure, but I am asking you, in your—

Mr Ray: We are happy to take it on notice and talk to them.

Answer: (provided by the Department of Social Services)

59. No, the IDC has not been advised of a date by which drafting of the legislation must be completed.