

**Question on notice no. 3502**

**Senator the Hon. Penny Wong**

**Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Investment**

*Notice given 18 April 2016*

**Senator the Hon. Penny Wong:** asked the Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Investment on 18 April 2016:

With reference to evidence provided by Mr Justin Brown, Acting Deputy Secretary, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, during Additional Budget estimates hearings of the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee on 11 February 2016 relating to Queensland's sugar marketing legislation:

- (1) Does the department maintain that prior to the hearing there was only one meeting involving the then Minister for Trade, Mr Robb, and a representative of Wilmar International, at which concerns about the state legislation were raised.
- (2) Why was the committee advised that analysis and assessment of the state legislation was 'obviously' incomplete 'pending the final passage of the legislation' when the legislation passed the Queensland Parliament on 2 December 2015, and was assented to on 17 December 2015, and has analysis and assessment of issues arising in respect to the Singapore-Australia Free Trade Agreement been completed; if so, what issues arise.
- (3) Noting evidence that there is a risk that the state legislation contravenes the Singapore-Australia Free Trade Agreement, what action has the Australian Government taken to deal with the risk.