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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Senator: Lundy

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Question:

Senator LUNDY: Is the APSC providing advice on the merger of Immigration and Customs?

Ms Foster: Yes, we have been working with the department and Customs on a range of issues relating to their arrangements.

Senator LUNDY: Can you take on notice to provide a list of the issues that you are in discussion about and what the time frame for decision making from the APSC's point of view is around those issues?

Ms Foster: Certainly.

Senator LUNDY: Thank you

Answer:

One of the routine functions of the Australian Public Service Commission is to advise agencies on the implementation of machinery of government changes in the Commission's areas of expertise.

This includes advice on the movement of employees between agencies under the *Public Service Act 1999*, recruitment, performance management, integrity measures and implications for terms and conditions of employment under enterprise agreements and other instruments.

The discussions held with Immigration and Customs have been on these issues.

The timing of decisions based on those issues varies, but the agencies involved are actively working towards a merger date of 1 July 2015.