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Senator: McAllister

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Question:

Senator McALLISTER: Minister, can I ask whether there is a cabinet-level process considering the recommendations, particularly those that require either a ministerial role or some kind of parliamentary change to enable their implementation?

Senator Cormann: ... But at this point I cannot assist you with a timetable in relation to that. I might consider, on notice, whether there is anything else that I can add to that.

Senator McALLISTER: It is simply that we have been through this process. We have a big report. It has a range of things. I understand the logic of not wishing to create additional regulation by monitoring the implementation of it, but some level of coordination, or someone driving it, would seem to be important. If that is not happening—

Senator Cormann: ... As I have indicated, if there is anything else I can add, then I will.

Answer:

Secretaries endorsed the report of the Belcher Red Tape Review and agreed to implement the whole-of-government recommendations for regulators and all entities.

Where recommendations require Government consideration the relevant Minister will seek the Prime Minister's or Cabinet's approval as appropriate.

Recommendations aimed at driving culture change are expected to be progressed at the entity level.

Assessing the overall progress with reducing red tape will be the responsibility of the Secretaries Committee on Transformation reporting to the Secretaries Board.