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**Senator:** Leyonhjelm, David

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**Question:**

Senator LEYONHJELM: What additional information was sought or provided between the first and the final iterations?

Mr Simovski: In a general sense, when agencies provide a draft copy of a PIR document, we look at the content. We look at the content and how it relates to the PIR questions that need to be responded to, and then we make judgements on which aspects of the document improvements are required.

Senator LEYONHJELM: Yes, I understand that. But my question was, what additional information was sought or required between the first and final iterations?

Mr Simovski: The specifics I think I will have to take on notice.

Senator LEYONHJELM: Yes, if you would please. I am just wondering also: was an analysis by Professor Sinclair Davidson taken into consideration in that period between the first and the final iterations?

Mr Simovski: I do recall seeing a reference by Sinclair Davidson in the PIR; yes. Any further details I think I will have to take on notice.

**Answer:**

In liaising with the Department of Health, the Office of Best Practice Regulation (OBPR) has commented on draft Post Implementations Reviews (PIR) and sections of the document. These comments have mainly related to providing further information on better identifying the problem, clearly stating the government objective and improving the impact analysis by exploring further the available data sources and demonstrating the costs and benefits of the measures.

Reference to Professor Sinclair Davidson's work is discussed in paragraph 134 of the PIR, which is available on the OBPR website.