

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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**Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio**

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**Senator:** Wong, Penny

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**Question:**

Why were 19 measures in the Spring 2015 version of the Omnibus Repeal Day bill recycled from the Spring 2014 version of the Omnibus Repeal Day bill?

**Answer:**

On 19 August 2015, the Senate considered the Spring 2014 bill and resolved to insist on amendment numbers one to six made by the Senate to which the House had disagreed (environment measures), and also agreed to an Opposition amendment to insert a new bill Schedule (submarine tender processes).

On 14 September 2015, the then Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister agreed to less-controversial Spring 2014 measures being replicated in the Spring 2015 bill. The decision to replicate measures was informed by advice from the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet and other relevant portfolios.