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Senator: Kitching

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Question:

Senator KITCHING: Could I ask about the Commission of Audit. Obviously, that ceased in March 2014, but are any of the recommendations still being implemented?

Senator Cormann: I will take that on notice.

Senator KITCHING: If there is anything being implemented, would you be able to list what is?

Senator Cormann: Obviously, it is a matter of looking back at the recommendations and matching that up with government policy. I have taken it on notice.

Senator KITCHING: Are any recommendations still under consideration?

Senator Cormann: It is the same question.

Senator KITCHING: Not being implemented but under consideration—it is just broader.

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Senator KITCHING: I am asking you to take it on notice, look at the Commission of Audit report and then see whether there have been any changes in the position of the government in relation to any of the recommendations that report outlines.

Senator Cormann: We will see what we can do—

Answer:

The Government has considered many of the policy issues raised in the National Commission of Audit. Meanwhile, the Government remains committed to implementing its economic plan and a fair and responsible pathway back to balance in support of these objectives.