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Senator: Cameron

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Question:

Senator CAMERON: Can you provide the correspondence that both you and the department have had with the stakeholder groups?

Senator Cormann: I will consider that on notice, subject to the usual provisos when it comes to releasing what is private information. I am sure that if some of these stakeholder groups want to release letters that I have written to them, they are obviously always free to do so. As a general principle, I am reluctant to release correspondence to people that have written to me, but let me consider that on notice.

Answer:

As part of the scoping study process, the Minister for Finance received written submissions from a number of stakeholder groups, including groups such as the Deafness Forum of Australia, Parents of Deaf Children and Aussie Deaf Kids, as well as correspondence from individuals and families who are affected by hearing loss. Some stakeholder groups have published written submissions and information papers on their websites.

Individual submissions and responses to people or organisations who have written to the Minister for Finance will not be released without the consent of those people or organisations.