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Question:

Senator SIEWERT: Can I go back to when the advice is expected to be provided to government.

Ms Hatfield Dodds: The task force is working to the provision of advice in the latter part of this year.

Senator SIEWERT: The latter part of this year is—November, December?

Ms Hatfield Dodds: Eight weeks away.

Senator SIEWERT: Attorney-General, is it expected that that report will be made public?

Senator Brandis: I am not sure. I will take that on notice.

Senator SIEWERT: That sounds like you have not made a decision.

Senator Brandis: That is correct.

Senator SIEWERT: There are two things you would do then; you would make a decision—how long is it before, usually, if you make a decision and consider a report, that you would release it to the public?

Senator Brandis: It all depends on the nature and complexity of the report and whether intermediately there are any policy decisions that have to be taken by government. There might be financial issues as well. So in relation to how we would be dealing with this matter going forward, rather than give you an unconsidered answer here, let me take it on notice and give you a reasonably thorough response.

Answer:

The Minister for Social Services, the Hon Christian Porter MP, announced the Government's decision regarding redress on Friday 4 November 2016 following receipt of advice from the Taskforce.