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Topic: Inspector-General of Taxation - Redundancy

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Senator JOYCE asked:

Senator WATSON—That is very useful; thank you very much, Mr Vos. What are the arrangements for your termination? Will you see out your contract?

Mr Vos—I think it is inappropriate to talk about today.

Mr Matthews—I think Treasury mentioned earlier in this morning's session that, as far as they were aware, and as far as we aware, no decision has been announced yet. We presume that will be addressed in the budget context.

Senator JOYCE—Can we ask the minister whether he knows anything about that.

Senator Conroy—I will happily take that on notice, but I can only agree with Mr Vos. It is a little inappropriate—

CHAIR—One question at a time, please.

Senator Conroy—It is a little inappropriate to ask him about his redundancy package. I mean, that is just a little bit rude.

Senator JOYCE—No; we just want to know if a decision has been made. That is simple. You must know if a decision—

Senator Conroy—Let me just clarify it. I am the Minister for Communications, Broadband and Digital Economy. I am here representing the Treasurer, but that is a matter of—

Senator JOYCE—You are not doing a very good job.

Senator Conroy—That is a matter of some detail, and I will happily take it on notice for you and get a response from the Treasurer.

Answer:

The Government's commitment to amalgamate the Inspector-General of Taxation within an existing agency is being considered as part of ongoing Budget deliberations. The outcome of those deliberations will be announced in due course.