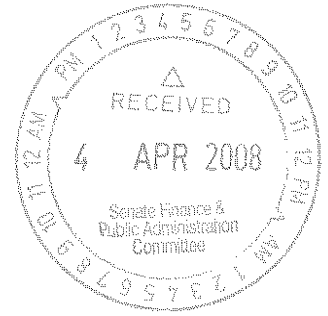


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Senator Fifield asked: Senator FIFIELD - What is the date, Senator Evans, when it [the Ministerial code of conduct] will be issued? Senator Chris Evans-On the question of the lobbyists, I think we said the end of February or early March- was that it?...

Senator FIFIELD - Will that be the totality of the revised guide?

Senator Chris Evans - It will be one of the components we are waiting on...Ms Belcher, are you able to provide any further guidance on that?

Ms Belcher - There is also the staff code of conduct.

Senator Chris Evans - So once we have got the staff code of conduct and the lobbyist register, will we be in a position to issue the total document-or are there any other sections still required?

Ms Belcher - No, I do not believe there are any others.

Senator Chris Evans - If there are any others, Senator Fifield, I will take it on notice and get back to you.

Answer: The revised Guide to Key Elements of Ministerial Responsibility, with necessary updates and adjustments and incorporating the code of conduct for Ministerial staff, will be issued in the near future.