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Senator Abetz asked:

Why wasn't Mr Wilkie told about the detailed technical advice that the Government had to hand in April? Why was that technical advice not disclosed at the meeting on 9 November at Treasury offices in Melbourne and the Commonwealth parliamentary offices, where Mr Wilkie met with officials?

Answer:

It is not normal practice for the Department to provide advice to parliamentarians other than our own Minister, unless specifically requested.

The Department attended the meeting on 9th November 2011. The issues in this meeting pertained primarily to legislation, constitutional powers and regulatory frameworks.