

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**  
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**Topic: GRIS – Additional Cost to Industry**

**Senator Urquhart, Anne asked:**

**Senator URQUHART:** Has the Attorney-General advised the ACMA as to the basis for this additional obligation?

**Ms McNeill:** Sorry, I do not understand your question.

**Senator URQUHART:** The obligation on the additional cost to industry for the government regulatory impact statement that is in addition to the cost to industry. You just said that it is too early to give us the cost of that.

**Ms McNeill:** The actual cost.

**Senator URQUHART:** Yes. Has the Attorney-General advised you as to the basis for the additional obligation?

**Ms McNeill:** I am not conscious of any advice to that effect. My expectation is that those matters would have been dealt with in the explanatory memorandum for the legislation that introduced the bill. I am not aware of any direct discussions on that subject between the ACMA and the department. But I can double check.

**Senator URQUHART:** If you could take that on notice that would be great. Thank you.

**Answer:**

No. Questions about data retention related costings are best directed to the Attorney-General's Department.