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QUESTION No.: AI-10

Ms Beauchamp: During the period that we were checking the more detailed questions on notice there were machinery-of-government changes and the holiday period. So, unfortunately, these two fell through the cracks. We probably did not follow up with the minister's office on an active basis, as we should have done. But they were indeed tabled on the 9th, which was well before this hearing.

Senator KIM CARR: So they were eight weeks late.

Ms Beauchamp: My apologies that they were late.

Senator KIM CARR: I appreciate that, and I thank you for your remarks. It is not always the case that the secretary needs to take responsibility, in so far as it is possible that they were held up in the minister's office. It is implied from your answer that that is what happened. Is that correct?

Ms Beauchamp: No, they were not held up in the office. We actually found a couple of anomalies in one of them, so we re-checked the two answers to questions on notice that were late and made sure they were correct.

Senator KIM CARR: When were they delivered the minister's office?

Ms Beauchamp: I would have to take on notice the question of when the finals were delivered to the minister's office.

ANSWER

The final response to Question on Notice SI-122 was sent to the Minister's office on 6 February 2015.

The final response to SI-123 was sent to the Minister's office on 9 February 2015.