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DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND SCIENCE

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Senator KIM CARR: So will you take that on notice, and will the minister consider changing the regulations if you take into account these new circumstances? Thank you. Mr Chesworth, that was not so difficult, was it? But I have one for you that might be a little bit more interesting: parallel imports. There was an announcement by the government yesterday that the government intends to press ahead with parallel imports of used cars—I say a car with 500 kilometres on the clock is a used car. I know you will tell me that this is someone else's portfolio.

Mr Chesworth : That is correct.

Senator KIM CARR: But what was the consultation with this department about that decision?

Mr Chesworth : It was a decision of the cabinet, so the department was involved in the normal processes that lead to consideration by cabinet.

Senator KIM CARR: Okay. Can you tell me the date of the cabinet decision?

Mr Chesworth : No, I cannot.

Senator KIM CARR: You can take that on notice.

Senator Ryan: I will take it on notice, given my other hat, but I am not sure—with the proviso—

ANSWER

The Department was consulted on the matter prior to the decision being made.

The Department is not able to advise meeting dates of cabinet.