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Senator: McLucas, Jan

Question:

Senator McLUCAS: I will move now to the discussion paper addressing the high cost of home and strata title insurance in North Queensland. Have the submissions to that paper—other than those with requests for confidentiality—been published?

Ms Quinn: At this stage, no, they have not.

Senator McLUCAS: Why not?

Ms Quinn: Release of information on government consultations is a matter for government.

Senator McLUCAS: Has government made a decision not to publish?

Senator Cormann: No, we have not. I am quite relaxed about publishing anything that is not confidential. As far as I am concerned, it is a matter of timing. I will take that on notice but, as an indication, I am pretty relaxed about publishing submissions made. We usually do.

Senator McLUCAS: But it has been quite some time now.

Senator Cormann: There you go. You have raised it. On that basis, let me have a look at it. But my inclination with these matters is very much to publish.

Senator McLUCAS: Thank you, Minister. That is an outcome. That is good.

Answer:

4327. The submissions in response to the discussion paper *Addressing the high cost of home and strata title insurance in North Queensland* were published on Treasury's website on 13 November 2014.