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Question:

Senator WONG: We can ask you questions about processing dates. This is a question about what was provided when to government. Why don't we go back to that? Have you provided advice as to the methodology that the senator is asking about?

Dr Kennedy: As I said earlier, we are discussing all aspects of the assessment with the government.

Senator McALLISTER: When was the last time you had a discussion with the government, and can you clarify who is part of this discussion?

Dr Kennedy: I had a discussion with Minister Sinodinos and his staff—I will have to take on notice the precise date—and I have yet to update that discussion with Assistant Minister McGrath.

Answer:

The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet has provided advice about a methodology for assessing the economic impact of the Regulatory Reform Agenda, including at a meeting with the then Cabinet Secretary, Senator the Hon Arthur Sinodinos AO, on 17 August 2016.