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Question:

Senator McKENZIE: Can I ask that that preliminary advice that you have received be tabled with the committee.

Mr Dillon: I think I can table it.

Senator McKENZIE: Great!

Mr Dillon: I would like to take advice as to whether it would be tabled in confidence or publicly. It certainly involves and includes a whole series of commercial-in-confidence issues.

Senator McKENZIE: I appreciate that. Thank you.

Answer:

Following further consideration, producing the Deloittes report would damage the commercial interests of the ILC in that potential financiers would take advantage of the report and diminish the ILC's ability to negotiate reasonable terms. The end result is a likely financial strain on the ILC and the Commonwealth. On the above public interest immunity ground the ILC is unable to table the advice.