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Topic: Structural Separation

Senator Ludlam asked:

When Mr Turnbull took over from Senator Minchin as communications shadow spokesperson a couple of years back, Mr Turnbull changed the coalition's policy quite sharply—that Telstra should be structurally separated, that the wholesale and retail arms should be separated out. I am keen to know whether or not that is still the government's policy.

Senator Fifield: As I said, I think it is better to address that later in the evening.

Senator LUDLAM: I may not be here, Senator Fifield. Can you take that one on notice?

Senator Fifield: All right.

Answer:

The Government has indicated that it supports the structural separation of Telstra.