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Senator MASON—Just to make it clear, you are saying that the ranking of law journals is a product of the Council of Australian Law Deans?

Prof Sheil—They advised us.

Senator MASON—Did you adopt their recommendations in toto?

Prof Sheil—I would have to look at each individual journal to tell you if that was the case. We did have another process because we had additional input into the exercise from 700 peer reviewers who looked at the lists. There was additional information provided, as well as that from peak bodies. Ms Harvey can tell you about the tender process for how we are going to engage the peak bodies in the next exercise.

Senator MASON—No, that is fine. If you tell me you are engaging, that is fine.

ANSWER

The Council of Australian Law Deans made 155 rank recommendations and 152 of those were adopted. The other three recommendations were for cross disciplinary journals and the Australian Research Council received differing recommendations from peak body/representative groups associated with those journals.