

Senate Economics Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

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Question: Bud 24

Topic: Maximum Priority for Employee Entitlements - Consultations

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Senator Conroy asked:

I am hoping it will be soon. I think the committee has almost finalised its draft. When were the last consultations? Humour me: when was the first and then when was the last?

Mr Brine—Treasury received a series of submissions in late 2002. I am not sure of the date on the PJC.

Senator CONROY—I am sorry, but I am not going to let you count the work that we generated in the parliament as the Treasury.

Mr Rawstron—The first round of consultations occurred in late 2002 and there was a second round of consultations in 2003.

Senator CONROY—So it was late 2002 for the first round of consultations and then you received some submissions?

Mr Rawstron—That is right.

Senator CONROY—Then you have gone back to them in 2003?

Mr Rawstron—I could not give you the exact date; from memory—

Senator CONROY—I am prepared to take a month.

Mr Rawstron—I think from memory it was the first half of 2003, but I can take that question on notice and give you a more accurate answer.

Answer:

- The first round of consultations for the Maximum Priority of Employee Entitlements proposal were conducted with stakeholders between August and October 2002.
- The second round of consultations were conducted between February and May in 2003.
- Written submissions were also received throughout this time.