

Senate Economics Legislation Committee

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Senator Kirk asked:

The reform of the regulation of product safety—is that what is contained in the paper you are referring to, Mr Hill?

Mr Hill—We have looked at a number of issues in the reform process; that is correct.

Senator KIRK—And that is one of them?

Mr Hill—Yes.

Senator KIRK—So we are really looking at August before we see anything in the public domain?

Mr Hill—No. I would be hopeful that we will have something in the public domain—and we are relying heavily on the cooperation of our state and territory partners here—by the end of June, which is only three weeks away. That will be a discussion of these issues, so that we can have the debate about reforming the Australian safety framework and we can have informed decision making on that basis.

Senator KIRK—Could you provide the committee with a copy of whatever becomes available in June, when it is available?

Mr Hill—Absolutely.

Answer:

The requested discussion paper on the review of Australia's consumer product safety system has not yet been released. The Senate Economics Legislation Committee has been placed on the distribution list, and a copy will be provided as soon as possible.