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Senator Cormann asked:

Senator CORMANN—...So you consulted with other relevant departments and agencies to inform your assumptions? You have already said that you have worked closely with the Department of Health and Ageing.

Mr Ray—As I said, we worked closely with the Department of Health and Ageing and with the Department of Finance and Deregulation.

Senator CORMANN—Can you give me the date on which you first sought advice from the health department about your modelling on the Medicare levy surcharge threshold?

Mr Ray—I can take that on notice.

Answer:

The Department of Health and Ageing was first consulted about the modelling of the Budget decision on the Medicare levy surcharge as part of the budget process, which commenced in January 2008.