

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

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**Question: bet 49**

**Topic: North West Shelf - Consultation**

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**Senator Cormann asked:**

**Senator CORMANN**—Did you conduct any consultations either with other departments or industry stakeholders to assess the impact of this measure?

**Mr Ray**—No.

**Senator CORMANN**—That was, no, was it?

**Mr Ray**—Yes.

**Senator CORMANN**—So, no partners nor stakeholders?

**Mr Ray**—That is a misleading answer.

**Senator CORMANN**—Hence my follow-up.

**Mr Ray**—I am having difficulty because this goes to cabinet's decision-making processes, which we do not—

**Senator CORMANN**—I am not asking you to provide me with the content of your advice.

**Mr Ray**—No, I understand that. We did have some discussions with some other departments.

**Senator CORMANN**—Would you be able to tell me which other departments they were?

**Mr Ray**—I will take that on notice.

**Answer:**

The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet and the Australian Taxation Office were consulted in the development of the measure.