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Senator Bushby asked:

Senator BUSHBY—As I said, I am very glad you have done that. I note, as you have just mentioned and as the Assistant Treasurer mentioned in his media release at the time, that the decision was made after consultation with the accounting and legal professions. It is good to hear that you finally did that. Can you tell me what consultation the then opposition conducted with the accounting and legal professions prior to making a public announcement that you were going to abolish the office?

Senator Conroy—I will take that on notice.

Answer:

The Assistant Treasurer regularly meets with a range of peak accounting and legal bodies and as a part of that process consulted on the future of the office of the Inspector-General of Taxation.