

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

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Question: SBT 220

Topic: Dates of legal advice provided concerning the mining tax

Senator Abetz asked:

Senator ABETZ—How many pieces of legal advice have been received since the one that Senator Brandis and you discussed in relation to the constitutionality question?

Mr Parker—I would have to take that on notice.

Senator ABETZ—If you could, and if you could also take on notice whether that advice might be released and the dates of each.

Mr Parker—I will take that on notice.

Senator ABETZ—With respect, I think you will be able to provide us the dates of the advice, even if you do not actually provide us with the detail of the advice.

Mr Parker—Yes, that is my understanding.

Answer:

Further legal advice has been received from the Australian Government on 15 June 2010.

Treasury will not release any further Australian Government Solicitor advice as it is still subject to legal professional privilege. However, the Australian Government Solicitor will release redacted advice relating to issues already made public.