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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Senator RONALDSON asked:

Senator RONALDSON: But you had the draft report (Tourism Investment and Regulation Review) from 21 June. Just out of interest, Ms Madden: these are the reports that were released prior to this one; when were the draft reports sent to the ministers in relation to those?

Ms Madden: When those reports were presented

Senator RONALDSON: Why won't you answer my question?

Ms Madden: I am trying to answer it, if I have a chance.

Senator RONALDSON: All I want is a date.

Ms Madden: They had to be considered by the Investment and Regulatory Reform Working Group, which is meeting in July and August to make recommendations to the ministers.

Senator RONALDSON: When were the drafts sent, Ms Madden?

Senator Sherry: If we do not have a date immediately at hand, we will get you that on notice.

Ms Madden: It was 21 June, as I said earlier.

Senator RONALDSON: So they were all sent on 21 June. Is that correct?

Ms Madden: No. The one that you are referring to, the investment report

Senator RONALDSON: No, the other one when were the other ones sent?

Ms Madden: I would have to check on that.

Senator Sherry: If we cannot get the dates immediately we will take it on notice and get you the dates they were sent to ministers' offices, and state ministers as well. But I can assure you that due process was followed. You seem to be concerned about disclosure of information or communication of information.

Senator RONALDSON: I know you are just doing your job.

Answer:

The *National Online Strategy for Tourism* report was sent to the Minister's office on 6 October 2011. The report was released on 14 October 2011.

A draft of the *Deloitte Access Economics Australian Tourism Labour Force Report* was not sent to the Minister's office. The final report was sent to the Minister's office on 12 October 2011. The report was released on 13 October 2011 at the Tourism Directions conference.

L.E.K. Consulting - Tourism Investment and Regulation Review was sent to the Minister's office on 21 June 2011. The report was released on 14 October 2011.

Allen Consulting Group – Framework Guide to Facilitate Tourism Investment was sent to the Minister's office on 8 July 2011. The report was released on 14 October 2011.