

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Question

Senator BRANDIS – How many days before the release was that?

Senator BRANDIS – Where is the copy provided to the minister's office now? Would it have been returned to the department?

Senator BRANDIS – What I would like you to do, Mr Maynard, is to attempt to locate the copy provided to the Deputy Prime Minister and to perform the same exercise I have asked you to perform in relation to the copy provided to you—that is, to compare any changes between that copy and the final version as published.

Mr Wilcox's discussion paper was first provided to the Deputy Prime Minister's Office on Friday, 26 September 2008, eight business days before it was released on Thursday, 9 October 2008.

Following provision of the paper to the Deputy Prime Minister's Office but prior to its release, Mr Wilcox requested a large number of changes to both the formatting of the document and the text, including the replacement of one section of text which had incorrectly been included. In addition, one change was made to the supplied version at the suggestion of the Department. The change was to correct a typographical error.

Mr Wilcox's revised paper was subsequently provided to the Deputy Prime Minister's Office on Friday, 3 October 2008, three business days before it was launched on Thursday, 9 October 2008.

Neither the Deputy Prime Minister nor her Office suggested any changes to either version of the document.