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Question

Date Minister made announcement to change the registered organisations' legislation

Senator ABETZ: And can we be reminded as to when the minister made the announcement about getting tough on corruption? Ms Paul: Which announcement? Senator ABETZ: The change to the registered organisations' legislation. Ms Paul: Okay. Mr Kovacic: My recollection is that it was early May, but we are just trying to get a precise date on that for you. We will come back to you on that. Senator ABETZ: Thank you.

Answer

The Minister announced the Government's intention to legislate amendments to the *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009* to improve the accountability and transparency of registered organisations, to improve the investigation process of Fair Work Australia and to strengthen penalties on 7 May 2012.