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Senator Ray asked: I assume it was not the Prime Minister's office that was at fault when it came to the lodgement of the PM&C annual report. I understand that was lodged on 19 October. That was late.

Dr Morauta - Yes, Senator, it was late.

Senator ROBERT RAY - Why was it late?

Dr Morauta - Further information was sought and, when it was provided, the report was cleared and then tabled.

Senator ROBERT RAY - What was that further information?...

Dr Morauta - Let me take that on notice. I need to take advice.

Senator ROBERT RAY - I am not seeking the absolute detail of that further information, just a broad subject category of why that information was not available and why it made you table the report in a late fashion.

Answer:

The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's 2006-07 Annual Report was tabled on 19 November 2007. The further information sought before tabling related to the Central Advertising System.