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SENATOR Penny Wong asked on 25/5/2006:

Mr Whalan—You should ask the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations, who have the latest copy of it.

Senator WONG—But, Mr Whalan, you told me that you were jointly preparing it.

Mr Whalan—Yes.

Senator WONG—They are joint documents. You can give me one too. It is not theirs. You told me that you were integrally involved in the preparation of these guidelines. You have joint ownership, so why can't you provide them?

Mr Whalan—I have no problem with providing them. We will make sure we provide exactly the same copy.

Senator WONG—Are you able to give me that soon? I would really like to have them before Monday. It would make my discussion with Dr Boxall much easier—for us both, I am sure. You have them, Mr Whalan. Is the only reason that you do not want to give me the copy you have currently that you think it may not be the most up-to-date version? Is that right?

Answer:

The Financial Case Management guidelines have been published on the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations website.