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Senator Wong asked:

Senator WONG—As I recall, on the last occasion you said that you would. On 13 February, three months ago, you said:

The outcomes of that review would obviously be available to the committee—that is what you finally provided today—

Whether or not the full review would be made public is something I would need to consider when I read it ... I am sure that by the time we are together again in May I will know my way through and have things to give to the committee.

We are in late May and I am asking for the remainder of the report.

Mr Campbell—When we met on 13 February we were at the very early stages of formulating how we were going to do the targeted review that we are now embarked upon. In a sense, the report itself and the other things in the report itself are now being influenced in terms of, if you like, knowledge and understanding by what we are finding out in the targeted review. I will give a date—say, in two weeks time. Now all of our states are quite a way through our targeted enrolment strategy, I would like time to read what feedback they are giving us—and they are giving us both data feedback and anecdotal feedback—to see whether it has any impact upon some of the thoughts in the report, and then I can provide it to the committee in two weeks time.

Answer:

The AEC forwarded a copy of the report to the Committee on 8 June 2007.