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11 Senator K.L. Moore of the Minister for Children and Housing regarding the publication of the Objective Household Needs Survey: [OQ.182/2018]

When will the Objective Housing Needs Survey be published?

Senator S.Y. Mézec (The Minister for Children and Housing):

By January.

The Bailiff:

Find a supplementary out of that.

4.11.1 Senator K.L. Moore:

It is very easy. I am told that the first draft was circulated in June, so why the delay?

Senator S.Y. Mézec:

I did not see a first draft in June and there was initially a plan to have this published much earlier in the year. That plan was set by the previous Minister for Housing and, as happens when a new Council of Ministers comes in, sometimes timelines can get disrupted and there are other people who want to see things before they are published. It was only I think 2 weeks ago that myself and the Minister for the Environment had the opportunity to meet Dr. Michael Bullock who prepared the report and discuss it with him. The Council of Ministers has this on our agenda for 12th December to note this report and it will be published very soon after that. I will say that I am disappointed that it has taken this long, and to those who have been eager to see it I of course apologise. I do think this is embarrassing but sometimes there is disruption when new governments take over.

Senator K.L. Moore:

I thank the Senator for his answer.