**Online Appendix**

**The Portuguese Radical Left Parties Supporting Government: From Policy-Takers to Policymakers?**

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**Robustness check of promptness hypothesis**

In order to strengthen our assertion that there was a swift implementation of pledges in the agreements, we include the robustness check of an ordinary least squares regression using the number of months since the start of the legislature for each approved law as the dependent variable. We include the following independent variables: being in any of the agreements; being a reversal defined in the agreement; the number of words in the bill to account for complexity; the number of originating bills; and a categorical variable accounting for whether the initiator of the legislative process was parliament, government or another institution. Negative and significant coefficients signal that observations with higher values for the independent variables were more likely to be approved sooner rather than later. Thus, our two main variables of interest (‘pledge in agreement’ and ‘reversal in agreement’) are found to be associated with swifter approval of legislation.

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|  | (1) | |
|  | Months since beginning of legislature | |
| Pledge in agreement | -3.266\* | (-2.04) |
| Reversal in agreement | -5.938\* | (-2.35) |
| Number of words | 0.0000157 | (0.37) |
| Number of originating bills | -0.354 | (-0.84) |
| Initiator = Parliament | -2.453 | (-1.07) |
| Initiator = Other | -10.76\*\*\* | (-4.30) |
| Initiator = Only government | -3.101 | (-1.31) |
| Constant | 18.76\*\*\* | (7.52) |
| *N* | 209 |  |

\* *p* < 0.05, \*\* *p* < 0.01, \*\*\* *p* < 0.001