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Senator: Faulkner John

Question:

Senator FAULKNER: Ms Halton, you mentioned the issue surrounding the removal of certain responsibilities or a certain responsibility from the Assistant Secretary. Is that a fair way of describing it?

Prof Halton: the reporting line changed.

Senator FAULKNER: Can you just say the date on which you made the decision to do that?

Prof Halton: It was basically as soon as I came back. I will have to check.

Senator FAULKNER: But it is only literally a matter of a day or days after the phone call to the assistant secretary, is it not?

Prof Halton: It was the following week. That I can be sure about.

Senator FAULKNER: I appreciate that you may not have the details.

Prof Halton: I do not have that date.

Senator FAULKNER: Can you take that date on notice?

Answer:

The Secretary of the Department of Health returned to Australia on Tuesday, 11 February 2014.