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QUESTION No.: AI-140

Senator KIM CARR: Minister, would you take on notice why it took so long to get an announcement and sign off on that particular brief.

Ms Butler: I am sure the minister—

Senator KIM CARR: You cannot answer the question, but it is a question for the minister.

Ms Butler: Yes, indeed, it is a question for the minister.

ANSWER

There were a number of requests under the funding round and full consideration was given to the decision ahead of the announcement on 21 February 2014. The advice on announcement timing, provided to the applicants, was always an indicative timeframe only.