

The following question on notice was taken during Mr Lindsay Stratton's appearance at the Newcastle hearing on 8 October 2014.

**Senator CANAVAN:** Mr Stratton, thank you for hosting us this morning. It was a very useful visit. When did you first get involved with tendering and contracting for this project?

**Mr Stratton:** I would have to take that on notice. I think it was around 2008.

**Senator CANAVAN:** So that was after the contract was initially provided to ASC or the alliance was announced?

**Mr Stratton:** I think those activities would have run in parallel. My recollection is that ASC was contracted way back in 2005 or 2006, but you will appreciate that at that time there followed a period of establishment, so establishing the subcontracts and so forth. I think that Forgacs were around 2008.

The answer to this question is:

The RFP (request for proposal) was in March 2008 and the contract was signed in August 2009.



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