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Department of Communications and the Arts

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Topic: Communications policy road map

Senator Chisholm, Anthony asked:

Senator CHISHOLM: Was there an instruction from you to develop a communications policy road map?

Senator FIFIELD: Yes.

Senator CHISHOLM: At what time and how was that instruction given?

Senator FIFIELD: It was probably not on a particular day or at a particular time. Discussions between me and the department are iterative, ongoing—daily. I am happy to take on notice, if you like, when something may have become formalised, in a sense.

Answer:

There was not a particular day or time when an instruction was given to the Department of Communications and the Arts to develop a communications policy roadmap. The communications policy roadmap was discussed between the Minister and the Department from August 2016.