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Topic: Spectrum Review

Senator Urquhart, Anne asked:
Senator URQUHART: The report issued on Friday, I believe, is dated March. So when was the first draft provided to the minister's office?
Mr Robinson: I will have to take that on notice.
Senator URQUHART: If you could take that on notice. The question is: why was there a two-month delay in releasing it?
Mr Robinson: I would just say that is not unusual. The minister and the parliamentary secretary had to consider the issues.
Senator URQUHART: And it took them two months?
Mr Robinson: I would have to check the time frame.
Senator URQUHART: Okay, if you could take that on notice.

Answer:

The Spectrum Review report was provided to the Minister on 6 March 2015 and it was released on 22 May 2015 after internal Government consultation.