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Senator Urquhart asked:

Senator URQUHART: Based on that active process, what would be your best guess about the timeframe? You have obviously ticked a lot of the boxes, and the questions have now been asked. It is back in the final sort of version, if I can use that term. What would be your expectations as to the length of time from here on?

Mr Thompson: As Mr Oxley indicated, there has not been a completion as yet of the whole-of-government clearance process. We cannot be definitive about that.

Senator URQUHART: Would we be looking at weeks or months?

Mr Thompson: I cannot be drawn on it, sorry, because I cannot be any more specific than that. As you know, ultimately it is a matter for the minister about when he wants to release it.

Senator URQUHART: Can I ask you to take that on notice and see if you can get an answer for us?

Mr Thompson: Yes.

Answer:

The Australian Heritage Strategy is going through a whole-of-government clearance process. No release date has been set.