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**Senator Siewert asked:**

**Senator SIEWERT:** Yes. Sorry, I only have limited time. I know exactly how it was done. How long did the management plans take, from when you started drafting them to when they were gazetted?

**Mr Clark:** There were two periods of public consultation that informed the development of the previous management plans. That followed the proclamation of the reserves and those periods of public consultation, with two periods of 30 days. At the end of that period, the management plans were finalised. I do not have the exact period here in front of me, but I think it was in the vicinity of six months.

**Senator SIEWERT:** Could you take that on notice please?

**Answer:**

A Notice of Intent (NOI) statutory consultation process of 30 days duration was held on the proposal to prepare management plans for the marine reserve networks between 17 November and 18 December 2012.

The 30 day NOI was followed by five concurrent formal consultation processes of 30 days duration which were held on the draft management plans for the marine reserve networks between 14 January and 14 February 2013.

The Minister approved the plans on 5 March 2013. The registration of the final management plans on the Federal Register Legislative Instruments took place on 7 March 2013 and they were tabled on 12 March 2013.