

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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**Senator:** Senator the Hon Penny Wong

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**Question:**

Senator WONG: The decision is to invite France, Germany and Japan to participate in the competitive evaluation process and not Sweden. When was the decision made to include France, Germany and Japan?

Dr McCarthy: I do not have with me information about the time frame you are referring to.

Senator WONG: Can you get it so we can come back to it.

Dr McCarthy: We can take that question on notice.

**Answer:**

The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet does not comment on whether or when a matter has been considered by the Cabinet.

The Minister for Defence announced the Government's decision on the acquisition strategy for the Future Submarine programme on 20 February 2015. This decision included inviting France, Germany and Japan to participate in the competitive evaluation process for the Future Submarine.