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Question:

Senator McLUCAS: How often have the Northern Australia Strategic Partnership met?

Mr Williamson: They have met twice.

Senator McLUCAS: Where have they met?

Mr Williamson: In Canberra.

Senator McLUCAS: How many of those meetings were attended by the Prime Minister?

Mr Williamson: Both.

Senator McLUCAS: Can we have information on any planned meetings of the strategic partnership; any future meetings and locations.

Mr Williamson: I can take that on notice. I do not have that with me.

Answer:

The Northern Australia Strategic Partnership met for a third time in Canberra on Friday 17 April 2015 in the margins of the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) meeting. The Prime Minister was in attendance.

Arrangements have not been settled for future meetings of the Strategic Partnership; however the Prime Minister indicated in the 17 April meeting that he anticipated that the Strategic Partnership would meet in the margins of every alternate COAG meeting.