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Senator: O'Neill

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Question:

Senator O'NEILL: Who is the appropriate decision maker or makers in this case?

Mr Edge: The lease would need to be endorsed, and I would need to just check who the decision maker would be in this instance.

Senator O'NEILL: Could you provide me with documentation that shows the process that was followed.

Senator Cormann: We will take that on notice.

Senator O'NEILL: With who said what to whom and when, and who finally signed off on that. Do you know who the final signatory on it was?

Mr Edge: I would have to take that on notice. I am not aware of that.

Senator Cormann: We will give you that answer on notice.

Answer:

Under the Commonwealth Property Management Framework's Resource Management Guide No 504 (RMG 504), entities are required to seek endorsement from the Finance Minister or nominee, for leases with a whole-of-life cost greater than \$30 million (\$100 million for Defence).

The Minister for Finance endorsed the ATO Gosford lease proposal on 21 September 2015.