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Question:

Senator McALLISTER: When were the works as a whole completed to allow you to start having widespread access to the property, unconstrained by the safety arrangements that you outlined earlier?

Ms E Kelly: I will have to take that on notice, but it was certainly sometime prior to December.

Senator McALLISTER: Prior to December, okay.

Ms E Kelly: Or it could have been early December, but I will provide on notice when the final exterior works staff left the house.

Answer:

The Certificate of Occupancy for external works was issued on 10 November 2015. This allowed the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet to regain possession of and to control access to the property. There were some on-going minor external and internal works, but these did not impede the Department's access to the property.