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Question:

Senator WONG: It is a pretty big topic: how every Australian will be governed and how all the governments will be financed and—

Ms Cross: It is slightly larger. It also has a longer time frame. Also, we are still expecting other secondees may join. So that is at this point in time.

Senator WONG: Are you able to update whether there has been any change to the time line table?

Ms Cross: I do not believe there has been any change, but I will check that.

Answer:

There has been no change to timelines. The White Paper on the Reform of the Federation is still expected to be released by the end of 2015.