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Question:

Senator McKENZIE: Thank you. I have some questions about the free trade agreements. When were negotiations for the free trade agreements with China, Japan and Korea started?

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Dr McCarthy: We do not have that detail. We have details about the conclusions of the negotiations. We can take on notice—

Answer:

The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade have advised that negotiations on the China-Australia Free Trade Agreement commenced in May 2005, negotiations on the Japan-Australia Economic Partnership Agreement commenced in April 2007, and negotiations on the Korea-Australia Free Trade Agreement commenced in May 2009.