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Senator: Senator the Hon Jan McLucas

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Question:

Senator McLUCAS: To be very clear, I am not asking: "when did we know there was a vacuum for infrastructure in northern Australia". Everyone has known that for a very long time. The question I am asking is: when did we come to a view that a concessional loan facility would be a solution?

Senator Cormann: And that is exactly the question that I have taken on notice; to see whether we might be able to provide you with a precise date for that.

Answer:

The Government considered a range of options, informed by a range of stakeholders and other inputs, in the development of the White Paper.