

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**BUDGET ESTIMATES 2016-17**

Finance Portfolio  
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**Topic:** NBN – set up of a financing strategies body

**Senator:** Wong

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**Question:**

**Senator WONG:** When was the decision made to set up this financing strategies body?

**Senator Cormann:** If you are looking for a specific date, I would have to take that on notice.

**Senator WONG:** It was already—

**Senator Cormann:** It was a decision that was made as part of the budget process; that would be the accurate—

**Senator WONG:** Funding for the measure had already been provided for by the government, so I am assuming it was made prior to MYEFO, no?

**Senator Cormann:** It was a decision that was made as part of the budget process. In order to give you an accurate answer, I am going to take that on notice.

**Senator WONG:** Fine. At whose request was it, or which department initiated it? How did it come about?

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**Senator Cormann:** Cabinet deliberative processes—

**Senator WONG:** I am not asking about cabinet.

**Senator Cormann:** That is where it was initiated.

**Senator WONG:** Thank you. I did not ask that, but thank you for telling me that. When did cabinet discuss it?

**Senator Cormann:** I am just telling you I am taking the specifics on notice in terms of times and dates.

**Answer:**

The Government agreed to the NBN funding advice measure and associated funding as part of the 2015-16 Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook.