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**Senator:** Senator the Hon Jan McLucas

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**Question:**

1. Is the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet planning to develop a Green Paper on Northern Australia?
2. When will it be published?
3. What is the proposed consultation timetable following the publication of the Green Paper?
4. Is the Coalition's 2030 Vision for Developing Northern Australia the Green Paper?
5. What is the proposed timetable for the development and publication of the White Paper?
6. What work is occurring in the department to relocate public servants to Northern Australia?

**Answer:**

1. The Government is settling arrangements for the preparation of the White Paper on Developing Northern Australia, which will be produced by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.
2. See response to question 1.
3. The Government will consult with a broad range of stakeholders to inform the White Paper, including state, territory and local governments, industry and community groups.
4. The Coalition's 2030 Vision for Developing Northern Australia sets out the policy priorities the White Paper will consider. The Government is settling arrangements for the preparation of the White Paper.
5. The Government has committed to preparing the White Paper within 12 months.
6. The Coalition's 2030 Vision for Developing Northern Australia states the White Paper will examine the option of relocating relevant components of Commonwealth departments and agencies to key urban

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