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Question:

Ms Cross: Senator Wong, you asked about the Asian century white paper website. That was archived by the department as part of the process of closing down the Asian century implementation task force, so, when the task force ended in PM&C, we archived the website in September 2013. The content is still available through the National Library archive website, but it was part of the process of closing down the task force.

Senator WONG: After the election.

Ms Cross: It was the timing for closing down the task force, yes.

Senator WONG: After the election?

Ms Cross: It was 20 September, so yes.

Senator WONG: Was there any involvement or discussion about this with the Prime Minister's office?

Ms Cross: I could not tell you that, but I can check for you.

Senator WONG: Thank you.

Answer:

There was no involvement or discussion about the archiving of the Asian Century White Paper website with the Prime Minister's office.