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TOPIC: Funding for Holden – SA government approval and signing

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QUESTION No.: BI-53

Senator RYAN: This announcement was made by the Prime Minister and the industry minister on 22 March. On what day and, if possible, at what time was the South Australian government approval and signing of the final arrangements sought by the Commonwealth?

Mr Durrant: I certainly cannot give the timing. The arrangements were such that the Commonwealth negotiated with Holden, and separately the Victorian and South Australian governments negotiated with Holden, on the package. I do not have a timing on when the South Australian government came to an agreement of its contribution with Holden.

Senator RYAN: Do you have a date?

Mr Durrant: I think that that is a matter for the South Australian government.

Senator RYAN: Are you aware of the date in which the South Australian government actually signed on to this deal? I am gathering that you are aware of it, Mr Durrant.

Mr Durrant: I am.

Senator RYAN: Can you provide the committee with the date that the South Australian government signed?

Mr Lawson: We would prefer to take that on notice. We are talking about another government's decision-making processes, which is what we are a little bit uncomfortable with. It is just on that basis.

ANSWER

The date of the South Australian Government's agreement to contribute funding to GM Holden's next generation vehicle project is a matter for that Government.