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Senator Kroger asked:

Senator KROGER—I just want to follow up, Mr Tune, while you are here, on your responses to Senator Ronaldson, which were in relation to when the discussions with the airlines commenced. When did these negotiations commence?

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Senator KROGER—If you could advise when those discussions did commence and when they were signed off on, that would be very helpful.

Answer:

Discussions were held with the airlines and industry throughout the travel services scoping study, which commenced in September 2008, and in the period up until the release of the tenders on 4 September 2009. The negotiation phase of the travel services tender process commenced on 17 December 2009 and concluded on 7 May 2010.