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Senator Dave Sharma: asked the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts on 4 November 2024—

Senator SHARMA: When is the new slot manager, or the successful tenderer, due to commence operations?

Ms Sachse: That is 1 April 2025.

Senator SHARMA: I understand there is a transition arrangement in the tender documents. The new slot manager is meant to hand over with the existing slot manager.

Ms Purvis-Smith: That will depend on the outcome of the tender. If there is a change in the documents, there is a transition period.

Senator SHARMA: When does that transition period begin?

Ms Sachse: We'll have to take that on notice. I don't have that with me, I am sorry.

Senator SHARMA: I think it says in the tender document that it begins in November. This is why I am curious to know where this is up to. Obviously, if there is a new slot manager, they should be starting the transition now.