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Question:

Senator McALLISTER: Was it just a ministerial decision? Who made the decision to proceed in this way, to allocate these resources to the underlying work before the business case for the expansion was completed?

Ms O'Loughlin: The work that was done was to lead up to the business case to government for the scaling-up and rolling-out of the gov.au solution across all government departments and agencies. The decision to do that was taken before December 2015.

Senator McALLISTER: By whom?

Ms O'Loughlin: I do not have that.

Senator McALLISTER: Dr Kennedy, do you know? Mr Alexander?

Mr Del Rio: It would have been the CEO of the time—being responsible for the resources of the agency.

Senator McALLISTER: There was no ministerial involvement?

Ms O'Loughlin: We will take that on notice. It predates most of us.

Answer:

The preparation of the GOV.AU business case was conducted in accordance with the ICT Investment Approval Process. The allocation of resources was conducted using appropriated funding and did not require ministerial involvement. All services were provided and paid by 20 September 2016.