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Senator: Bernardi

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Question:

CHAIR: Are you able to provide me with an update on the ACT leases for the Department of Immigration and Border Protection?

Mr Edge: I think we provided some evidence last time we were before this committee that the Department of Immigration and Border Protection had commenced a process in the second half of last year for its accommodation requirements in the ACT. It approached the market in, I think, either October or November—or it may have even been earlier this year; I can check the detail ...

Answer:

On 8 February 2016, the Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP) made an approach to market (ATM) for office accommodation in the ACT. The ATM closed on 7 March 2016.

On 28 April 2016, the Minister for Finance agreed to the DIBP lease endorsement proposal to enter lease negotiations for long term lease arrangements at Belconnen and Canberra Airport, in the ACT, and to enter into three short term staging leases to facilitate the best coordinated Whole-of-Australian-Government outcome. Details regarding the outcome of lease negotiations should be referred to DIBP.