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TOPIC: Green Car Innovation Fund - evaluation

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QUESTION No.: BI-60

Senator RYAN:I am coming to an end. At the last estimates hearing we discussed the anticipated evaluation of the Green Car Innovation Fund. We were told that it had not commenced. Has it commenced since? I tried to coordinate these questions as best I can.

Mr Durrant: Senator, the evaluation has not yet commenced.

Senator RYAN: Are there plans for it to commence?

Mr Durrant: Yes. It is on the department's list of program evaluations and it is scheduled for the first quarter of 2013.

Senator RYAN: I recall that we had a discussion about this last time. If I am correct, was a rough timeline provided last time for the anticipated? I do not think it was, was it?

Mr Durrant: That is correct.

Senator RYAN: So when was the decision made to commence this in the first quarter next year?

Mr Durrant: It was a decision made by the executive. I will have to check.

Ms Weston: I cannot exactly recall the date, but in the last couple of months the executive looked at the list of possible evaluations and it was considered at that time.

Senator RYAN: Can you take on notice for me the date the decision was taken to commence that on the first quarter of next year?

Ms Weston: Yes, I will, Senator.

ANSWER

The Departmental Executive considered the timetable for commencing the evaluation of the Green Car Innovation Fund in the first quarter of 2013 on 26 April 2012.