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**ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

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**Question:** (Senator Milne)

**Senator MILNE**—I asked you who approached whom in relation to establishing a separate and different arrangement for Fieldforce. Did the department approach them or did they approach the department and who signed off on this?

**Mr Thompson**—I would have to take that on notice, in terms of who approached whom. It was the department's decision to enter into that arrangement, as I said, in order to free up the call centre and the booking system that we were using.

**Senator MILNE**—Who in the department signed off on it? Did the minister know about it?

**Mr Thompson**—Again, I would have to take that on notice.

**Answer:**

Fieldforce approached the Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts. The memorandum of understanding was signed by the Acting Director of Green Loans on 8 December 2009. The Minister was not made aware of these details.