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Senator Ronaldson asked: Some of my colleagues may have questions on the information you have just provided, but when was the department first advised of the creation of the 2020 summit?

Mr Mrdak-The summit was announced on 3 February. I do not have details of any prior discussions that may have taken place. I am happy to take that on notice.

Senator RONALDSON-How was it advised?

Mr Mrdak-I would have to take that on notice. Certainly the Prime Minister made a public statement on 3 February announcing his intention to hold a summit.

Senator RONALDSON-When was the department advised?

Mr Mrdak-I would have to take that on notice. That predated my arrival in the department. I will take that on notice.

Answer: Discussions were held with Department officers in the lead up to the Prime Minister's announcement on 3 February 2008 of the Summit.