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Senator BERNARDI-I have a few questions now on in relation to the national broadband network and the department's role. When the department become aware that the NBN expert panel did not recommend a preferred tenderer?

Mr Clively-I do not have the precise date, but the department I understand would have been made aware of that in about January.

Senator BERNARDI-Was it mid-January, early January, late January?

Mr Mrdak-We could come back to you with a specific date if that would be okay.

Answer: The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet became aware of the recommendations of the Expert Panel report as part of Cabinet deliberations in late January 2009.