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Senator BERNARDI-I am sure I will come to them as well. I am trying to ascertain exactly what the role of your department was in this broadband proposal. Did the Prime Minister meet with any member of the expert panel between January 2009 and April 7?

Mr Mrdak-Not that I am aware of. I will take that on notice if you do not mind.

Answer:

Yes.

The NBN Expert Panel was Chaired by the Secretary of the Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy, Ms Patricia Scott. The Panel's members were Dr Ken Henry AC, Mr John Wylie AM, Mr Tony Shaw PSM, Mr Tony Mitchell, Professor Reg Coutts and Professor Rod Tucker.