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Senator RYAN-It was up to each state to appoint their own coordinator general, was it not-that is, the equivalent of your position at the state or territory government level?

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Senator RYAN-I appreciate that you did not make any comments on any of the individuals whom the states or territories proposed. When you provided advice, or when information was flowing the other way, did your advice propose any names?

Mr Mrdak-No.

Senator RYAN-To your knowledge, no other advice was forthcoming from the department?

Mr Mrdak-Not from the department.

Senator RYAN-If it was different from that, I would appreciate your letting me know.

Answer: The Department provided advice to the Prime Minister on 9 February 2009 on the proposed appointment by states and territories of Coordinators-General to implement the Nation Building National Partnerships Agreement. This advice set out the operating arrangements and skill sets considered required for the persons taking up these roles. It also included a suggested position on the suitability of certain individuals proposed by jurisdictions to that point.