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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Mr Mrdak-Mr Mulgan is in Australia as the Adelaide Thinker in Residence in 2008 and his availability in Australia for periods enabled us to access his expert skills. So we took advantage of him being in Australia for periods to actually draw on his expertise and knowledge. Hence, we put in place a direct-service agreement with him for that.

Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS-Has he produced anything since he started?

Mr Mrdak-He has provided advice to us in the department. He has met on a number of occasions with senior departmental officers and provided advice to us in relation to the establishment of the division.

Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS-Are you able to provide us with further details of that?

Mr Mrdak-If there is anything further I can add to that, I certainly will.

Answer:

Dr Mulgan has provided assistance and input to the department in the following areas:

- the newly established Strategy and Delivery Division's business model;
- the conduct of several projects by the division;
- the Government's yet to be released response to the 2020 Summit; and
- establishing linkages with international strategy networks.