

I'll deal with that in two parts, then. There are, in effect, three administration ministers for the Regional Growth – Environment and Tourism Fund that do the day-to-day work, as it were, in identifying programs and administering the fund itself, is that right?---That is correct.

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You're the senior of those three ministers, correct?---(No Audible Reply)

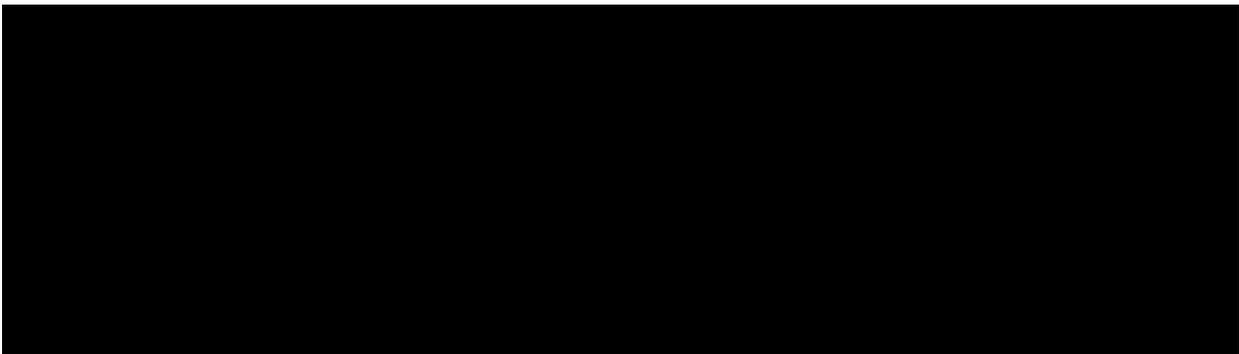
The approval of one, two or three of those ministers is not enough to actually get the money flowing though, because it comes from Restart funds, correct?---That is correct.

You need two other things. You need a recommendation from Infrastructure NSW and a final formal approval from the Treasurer, correct?---Correct.

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But at least as a matter of practice, ordinarily if it gets through those preceding stages, it gets through the one, two or three of the administering ministers, and Infrastructure NSW, at least in the ordinary course the Treasurer would give the formal final approval, is that right?---We'd call that just a tick and flick.





10 What I'm trying to understand is you said before that in the ordinary course
at the end of a process of the kind that you and I have discussed, a brief
would come to you with recommendations saying something like, "Let's
fund this," or "Let's not fund this" or something along those lines. I'm just
wondering whether there was such a brief to you in relation to the ACTA
project or whether it was not necessary for there to be such a brief because
the decision had already been made, as it were, been made by the ERC on
14 December, 2016.---I don't recall that brief. It is possible, both scenarios
are possible. So there could be a brief that I signed off on. I'm not sure if
anyone's got those documents. Or because there was a decision made of
ERC, it met that criteria. Restart, sorry, Infrastructure NSW signs off on it
20 if that's sufficient. It might, that might (not transcribable)

(not transcribable)withdraw my mute button. A recommendation from the,
from Infrastructure NSW having been achieved, the Treasurer ultimately did
what I think you described as a tick and flick to permit the money to be paid
out of Restart funds for the purposes of the ACTA project, is that right?---
That would be the appropriate process.

