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Simon

I have just sent this heads-up to the TEB members and advisers. I will advise them that you will replace Greg Cox on the TEB following the Steering Committee meeting tomorrow.

I look forward to receiving your email with your position details.

I am requesting the legal and probity advisers to review amendments to the tender documentation during today ahead of the Steering Committee meeting tomorrow morning at 0900 am.

Can you advise me who in DBCDE I should contact to run through the proposed changes to the tender documentation, and the manner for submitting these to Senator Conroy.

Many thanks

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Dear TEB Members and advisers

The Prime Minister, Foreign Minister and Minister for Communications released the following announcement on Friday 24 June 2011.

The DFAT Steering Committee will meet tomorrow morning to review consequential amendments to the tender documentation, with the aim of submitting them for clearance by the Approver, Senator Conroy, by end of this week. The Steering Committee will also consider the revised indicative timeline for the process going forward.

I will be in touch again tomorrow to advise you of the timing for the TEB's evaluation of amended tender bids, and for the decision on the Preferred Tenderer.

Best regards

Margaret Adamson  
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## **Amendment to the Australia Network Tender**

Joint media release

- Prime Minister, The Hon Julia Gillard
- Minister for Foreign Affairs, The Hon Kevin Rudd
- Minister for Communications, The Hon Stephen Conroy

25 June 2011

The Government today announced an extension to the existing Australia Network contract, while additional information is sought from tenderers.

In the light of changed international circumstances since the Australia Network Request For Tender (RFT) was issued, the Government has decided that national interests should be addressed more broadly.

Tenderers have been asked to submit amended bids to specifically address how their operation of the Australia Network service would meet Australia's national interests in the light of the increasing influence of key emerging markets on the global economy, significant political transformation occurring across the Middle East and North Africa, and the need identified during recent consular crises for strengthened associated information services through a range of sources.

The current contract with the ABC expires on 8 August 2011. Accordingly, the Government will exercise its option under the existing contract to extend the service operated by the ABC for six months until 8 February 2012. The amended Australia Network Request for Tender will be released shortly and a decision on Preferred Tenderer is expected to be taken by September 2011.

In making this decision, the Government also considered the significance of the service to Australia's foreign interests and concluded that the decision on the Preferred Tenderer will be referred for Cabinet consideration.

### **Media inquiries**

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