

Senate Economics Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Question: BET317

Topic: Leaked Document – Treasury’s Involvement

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Senator: Penny Wong

Question:

Senator WONG: Did anybody at the table know about this ahead of time? What about Mr Brennan—did he know ahead of time?

Mr Brake: Mr Brennan? Michael Brennan? Not that I am aware of.

Senator WONG: The secretary?

Senator Cormann: We might have to take that on notice, given they are not here. I think it is fair to assume that nobody in Treasury would have been involved in this leak, but who knows? Who knows where Laurie Oakes's sources come from?

Answer:

Neither Mr Brennan nor the Secretary were aware that Mr Oakes was in possession of a document purported to contain confidential information prior to the publication of his article.