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Senator: Ketter, Chris

Question:

Senator KETTER: I understand the Treasurer did not call the executives. Is that correct?

Mr J Fraser: In the hour before the budget?

Senator KETTER: In relation to the fall of stocks.

Senator Cormann: In relation to which? I might have misheard. The Treasurer did not call in relation to which?

CHAIR: The fall in the stock price, I think, is what Senator Ketter referred to.

Senator KETTER: The Treasurer has talked about the fact that he does not need intermediaries in that he can pick up the phone to bank executives.

Mr J Fraser: I am not aware that he called them but I do not run his phone lock.

Senator KETTER: So you are not aware of what happened?

Senator Cormann: I am not personally aware either but I will take that on notice on behalf of the government, and we will check that for you.

Answer:

Yes, that is correct.