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Senator: Wong, Penny

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Question:

Senator McALLISTER: I have some questions about The Lodge. Is this the correct group of people?

Ms E Kelly: That is correct.

Senator McALLISTER: Was a certificate of occupancy or some other kind of documentation issued by the Department of Finance at the conclusion of the building works?

Ms E Kelly: Questions in relation to the building works are matters for the Department of Finance. That would have been sought and issued to the Department of Finance who were overseeing the works.

Senator McALLISTER: Was that communicated to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet as the ultimate client?

Ms E Kelly: We have certainly become aware that all the necessary regulatory activities have been done and we have been assured of that, as we would expect as the client of the Department of Finance.

Senator McALLISTER: Was that communicated in writing to you?

Ms E Kelly: I have not seen that, but I will take that on notice.

Senator McALLISTER: Do you know when that communication took place or when PM&C arrived at that understanding?

Ms E Kelly: No. In taking the first question on notice, we will undoubtedly uncover the date of that communication.

Answer:

The final certificate of occupancy was provided to the Department of Finance (Finance) on 10 November 2015. Finance provided a copy to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet on 11 November 2015.