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Senator: Conroy, Stephen

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Question:

Senator CONROY: Can you take on notice when the Prime Minister or any of his staff had discussions during the course of today—with the newspaper story, discussions were probably sought last night, or comments, so I am sure the discussion with the Prime Minister's office started last night, as is normally the case—

Senator McGrath: I am sorry, what is the question?

Senator CONROY: I am asking you to take on notice when did the first discussions take place with Minister Robert about this matter by the Prime Minister or his office, and how did it occur—was it a face-to-face meeting, was it a telephone call, what was the nature of the conversation, depending on what you can say? Are you able to take that on notice?

Senator McGrath: I am more than happy to take it on notice.

Answer:

There was limited contact with Mr Robert during this period.