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Question:

Senator WONG: The terms of reference, which Mr Frydenberg released on 5 December, were released publicly. Did cabinet tick off on the terms of reference, or was there some other government process before they were announced?

Ms E Kelly: We would not normally confirm or deny matters that were discussed at cabinet because to do so would disclose the content.

Senator Brandis: That is why I sought clarification of that question. So all you are asking is whether that was a decision—

Senator WONG: They were already public. What was the genesis of those terms of reference?

Senator Brandis: I will take that on notice.

Answer:

The terms of reference were developed by the Minister for Environment and Energy, the Hon Josh Frydenberg MP. In accordance with previous and current Government conventions deliberations of the Cabinet are confidential and are not released into the public domain.