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Question:

Senator McALLISTER: Of those 53 people who were working on this project prior to this decision in late October to pivot, how many were working on the business case and how many were working on the underlying documentation?

Ms O'Loughlin: My advice is that the business case involved about six people.

Senator McALLISTER: Is it true that the business case was to be considered by cabinet and then withdrawn immediately before cabinet met?

Ms O'Loughlin: I do not believe I have that detail.

Dr Kennedy: I do not have that detail in front of me. Unless one of the other officials does, I am happy to take your question on notice.

Answer:

In accordance with the PM&C Cabinet Handbook and as per longstanding practice, it is not appropriate to reveal what matters may or may not have been considered by the Cabinet.