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**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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**Senator:** Senator the Hon Joe Ludwig

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**Question:**

Senator LUDWIG: Thank you. What I am trying to find out is: when was the secretary first alerted to the situation? It must have come to him in some way, shape or form on a particular date, so what date was that?

Senator Cormann: I cannot assist you with the specific date, but I can take that question on notice for you.

**Answer:**

The Secretary of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet became aware of the situation over a period from December 2014.