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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Senator: Senator the Hon Joe Ludwig

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Question:

Senator LUDWIG: Was anyone else, such as the Special Minister of State, consulted in relation to the sacking of Dr Grimes?

Senator Cormann: I am unaware. In the ordinary course of events, I do not know why the Special Minister of State would be involved in such a process. But, in order to prove that absolutely beyond doubt, I will make sure that I get that information for you on notice.

Answer:

There was no consultation with the Special Minister of State nor was consultation required under the *Public Service Act 1999*.