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**Question:**

Senator GALLAGHER: The Bjorn Lomborg centre—the \$4 million that was provided to establish a think tank at the University of WA. What role and/or advice did PM&C provide to government on matters related to this initiative?

Ms Kelly: Regretfully, that is a matter that is the responsibility of Ms Cross. I can say that it was a matter managed by the Department of Education. PM&C were aware of the matter but it was largely managed by the Department of Education, who would have all of the details in relation to the grant proposal.

Senator GALLAGHER: Sure. I think it was raised in the standing committee that is inquiring into education, but my question was around PM&C's role. Are you saying that, because it is covered under Ms Cross's area that we should have asked it earlier today?

Ms Kelly: Yes, I am sorry to say that. We can take it on notice and respond to you in that way.

**Answer:**

The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet routinely provides advice on a range of education funding proposals.