

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Supplementary Budget Estimates 18-22 November 2013

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Outcome/Program: 1.1 Prime Minister and Cabinet

Topic: Foreign investment

Senator: Senator the Hon Penny Wong

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Question:

Since 7 September 2013 has PM&C provided Mr Abbott, or his office, with any information or advice concerning the proposed acquisition of GrainCorp Limited by Archer Daniels Midland Company? If so, on what date/s?

Did the Prime Minister discuss the proposed acquisition with the Treasurer before the Treasurer made an order under the *Foreign Acquisitions and Takeovers Act 1975* prohibiting the proposed acquisition? If so, on what date/s.

Answer:

Written information was provided to the Prime Minister on:

3 October 13,

11 October 13, and

8 November 13.

Consistent with long standing practice, the Department does not comment on private conversations that may have occurred between Ministers.