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Question:

Senator LUDWIG: The same goes for when I looked at some of your earlier media responses?

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Ms Halton: I have not got media responses. What are you referring to?

Senator LUDWIG: The one that caught my eye was a media statement on 2 May 2012: 'Prominent scientist and regulator appointed new head of TGA'. That was issued by yourself ... It mentioned the Secretary of the Department of Health and Ageing, Professor Jane Halton. You would have signed off on that, surely?

Senator Cormann: Again, I am taking that question on notice in particular, given that it relates to a period that is not relevant to the Department of Finance, which is the area of estimates that we are currently dealing with.

Answer:

The Secretary's comments on this matter are reflected in Hansard and are on the public record.