

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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**Senator:** Wong, Penny

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**Question:**

Senator WONG: Have any foreign governments raised with the Prime Minister or his office the use of WhatsApp for ministerial communications?

Senator Brandis: I will take that on notice. But it is, for reasons that you would appreciate, I am sure, not a question that should appropriately be asked or responded to in a public forum.

Senator WONG: If you are using WhatsApp for sensitive communications—

Senator Brandis: But I will take it on notice.

**Answer:**

No.