

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

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**Topic: Tsunami Task Force**

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**Senator Chris Evans asked: Essentially the task force dealt with the emergency response—the humanitarian response and Australians who might have been affected. Did you deal with the initial aid response issues as well or was that dealt with separately by the minister? Did you discuss the sort of aid?**

**Answer:** Yes, the Tsunami Task Force considered all matters including aid issues, and was briefing Ministers - including the Prime Minister - from the outset.