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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Senator Ronaldson asked: Senator RONALDSON - Can I just read you the last portion of Verona Burgess's article in the Financial Review on 8 February. She finishes:

**There is still no word on the promised code of conduct-
I do not know whether she will be terribly enlightened by what she has heard today but anyway-**

for ministerial staffers, which will require amendment to the Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984 if it is to be worth the paper the APS hopes it will be written on.

Are you going to introduce that code of conduct by way of amendment to the Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984?

Senator Chris Evans - Not that I know of, but the simple answer is that I do not know so I will take it on notice.

Answer: The government does not propose to introduce the code of conduct for ministerial staff by way of legislative amendment.