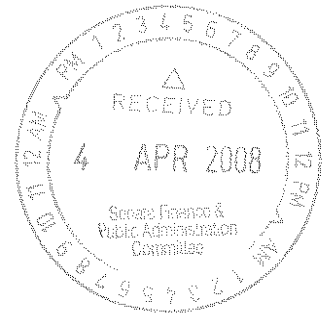


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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Question: PM54

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Topic: false dawn Anzac Day service

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Senator Abetz asked: Senator ABETZ - All right. Did he [the Prime Minister] counsel one of those staff members, Lachlan Harris, in relation to the false dawn Anzac Day service?

Senator Faulkner - Senator, I have absolutely no idea. I doubt that officials would know.

Senator ABETZ - Can I refer you to the-

Senator Faulkner - Wait a minute. As you have asked the question, I am happy to take it on notice. There is no need to provide a reference. You can if you like that is fine. I will certainly take the question on notice. I do not have any personal knowledge of that other incident.

Answer: Alleged occurrences before the government was elected are not within the scope of Estimates scrutiny.