

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Senator: Senator Ryan

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Question:

Senator RYAN: I am happy to be corrected here, but when exactly did Mr Hodges tell Mr Kelly and Mr McTernan or admit to them or fess up?

Senator Chris Evans: I am not sure that they were the persons to which he spoke on the Thursday. I will have to take that on notice.

Answer:

The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet is advised that the Prime Minister's Director of Communications and Senior Press Secretary spoke to Mr Hodges on 26 and 27 January 2012 in the course of preparing advice for the Prime Minister on 27 February 2012.