

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: There is one other question I would like you to take on notice, Senator Evans. In what form was the briefing provided to both Mr Hubbard and the Prime Minister? Was there any written summary or time line of events? Was there any other documentation such as phone records or emails? Were there summaries of phone conversations with Mr Hodges, Ms Sattler and others. Or was it purely done verbally to both Mr Hubbard and the Prime Minister?

Senator Chris Evans: I would 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 provided verbal advice to the Prime Minister and her Chief of Staff.