

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Senator Chris Evans asked: I want to know when PM&C first became aware of the Cornelia Rau case and whether you were involved at all in providing advice on the establishment of the inquiry into the Cornelia Rau case.

Answer: PM&C first became aware of the inquiry when the Prime Minister was interviewed on the *Sunday* programme on 6 February 2005. PM&C had no role in establishing the Palmer inquiry into the Cornelia Rau matter.