

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio**

**Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet**

**Budget Estimates Hearings 2005-2006, 23 and 24 May 2005**

**Question: PM 15**

**Outcome 1, Output 1**

**Topic: Beaudesert Rail**

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**Senator Carr asked: Did the Prime Minister offer a loan of \$400,000 to the Beaudesert Rail Association in a letter faxed to the Member for Forde from Gladstone on 12 June 2003?**

**Mr Grech: I do not have any recollection of that event. I will take it on notice.**

**Answer:** The Prime Minister signed a letter on 11 June 2003 to the Member for Forde, Mrs Kay Elson MP, indicating his inclination to support the provision of a \$400,000 loan subject to certain conditions.