

**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 17**

**Outcome 1, Output 1**

**Topic: Beaudesert Rail**

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**Senator Carr asked: These questions go to matters of fact. Did the Prime Minister make an offer by way of a letter faxed to the Member for Forde on 12 June 2003?**

**Mr Metcalfe: I think the officer is saying that we do not have that detail.**

**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.