

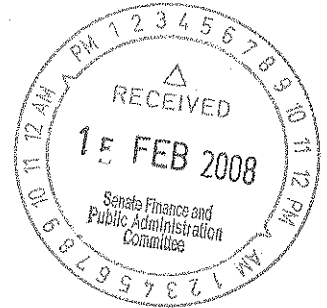
Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

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Question: PM 63

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Senator Faulkner asked: (a) There is a story in today's media that someone from the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet contacted the Nine Network about one of the shows they run, *McLeod's Daughters*, which had an AWA sequence on it. I wonder if you could confirm whether or not someone from the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet in fact had contacted the Nine Network about that issue? (b) If it was not an official of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, was it a member of staff in the Prime Minister's office?

Answer:

(a) There was no contact between the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet and the Nine Network on that matter.

(b) The Department cannot comment on possible activities undertaken by staff in the former Prime Minister's office.