

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

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**Senator RONALDSON-Minister, is it true, as reported by both the Age and the Sydney Morning Herald that the Deputy Prime Minister has already rejected an FOI request regarding communications on this topic between her office and Slater and Gordon?**

**Senator Ludwig-I would have to confirm that, but again I am happy to take it on notice to see. That would be a matter about which I will try to find further information and get back to you.**

**Answer:** An FOI request was made to the Office of the former Deputy Prime Minister, the Hon Julia Gillard MP, for certain documents relating to Mr Fitzgibbon and Ms Helen Liu. The applicant was advised that documents as described by the request would not be documents to which the FOI Act applied.