

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

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Senator: Senator Ryan

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Question:

Ms Leon: I can only advise that the practice of the former Prime Minister, who recorded a range of videos for a wide range of purposes, was to provide to the department any such videos, in his official capacity as Prime Minister, that were appropriate for putting on the Prime Minister's website, and the department would put them on the website. If there were any others, they would not, of course, have been provided to the department, so we would not have any knowledge of them-in the same way as we would not know if meetings for which we had not been asked to provide a brief occurred in the Prime Minister's office, we simply would not have any knowledge of it.

Senator RYAN: As part of your investigation, do you have copies of the videos that were either on this hard drive or recovered from this hard drive?

Ms Leon: I would have to take on notice whether we still have those or whether we simply examined them on the hard drive itself.

Answer:

The Department has a copy of the material that was on the hard drive.