

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

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Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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**Topic:** Member for Fisher (the Speaker) - meetings with PM's staff

**Senator:** Senator Ronaldson

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**Question:**

Senator RONALDSON: Similarly-if you are unable to advise the committee of an answer to that question-can you take on notice what contact any of the Prime Minister's staff had with the member for Fisher over that period, on what occasions, at what times and what the nature of the discussion was.

Senator Chris Evans: I am happy to take the questions on notice. I am not sure what we will be able to get you in response but I will take them on notice.

**Answer:**

Contact between staff in the Prime Minister's Office and Senators and Members is not recorded systematically.