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Question:

Senator ABETZ: Can someone confirm for me that the Prime Minister is to address the Victorian Trades Hall on 30 May?

Mr de Brouwer: I am unaware of that, but I will see if we can find out.

Senator ABETZ: All right. It has been publicised that that is what is going to happen. I am just wondering, possibly through you, Minister, whether the Prime Minister has given reconsideration to that invitation given the revelations of the Supreme Court finding against the CFMEU and the Vice-President of Victorian Trades Hall being a CFMEU official.

Senator Conroy: I would have to take that on notice, Senator Abetz. I am not sure that simply trying to smear an entire organisation because one person has done something that you might find or others might find—

Answer:

The then Prime Minister did not address the Victorian Trades Hall on 30 May 2013.