

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

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Senator Brown asked: Minister, would you ask the Prime Minister when he first spoke to Mr O'Connor or Mr Smith from the union about this \$4 million or any part of the package that was consequently announced in the week before the election?

Answer: The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet has no records concerning any communication between the forestry division of the Construction, Forestry, Mining and Energy Union and the Prime Minister's office.