

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: Would you also ask the Prime Minister what role the National Association of Forest Industries, NAFI, took in developing the package or when it held discussions with the Prime Minister or the department and when that role began?

Answer: The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet did not hold specific discussions with the National Association of Forest Industries concerning the development of the skills and training component of the Tasmanian Community Forest Agreement.

The package was developed taking into account information obtained from stakeholders, including NAFI, forest industries, forest communities and conservation groups, in the normal course of business throughout 2004.