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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Topic: Project Better Place media article

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Question: (Senator Abetz)

Senator ABETZ—...But this is a matter that was asserted in the media, in the *Australian*, that suggested that Project Better Place, which is a business with which Evan Thornley is associated, had a meeting with you. I am asking you to verify a media story as opposed to just gratuitously trawling through your diary to find out whether there is any person of interest with whom you may have met...

Senator Wong—I have given you a response and I have also asked you what is the basis for the public interest in this. If the imputation or inference is something untoward in terms of any grant, I am not sure what the inference is, I will be very clear with you: I do not recall this particular organisation receiving any moneys from my portfolio. I can check that with the secretary but I want to put that on the public record.

Answer:

Please see answer to CC3a.