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Senator RONALDSON-[a] Do you accept that there has been a 66 per cent staff turnover in the space of less than two years in the Prime Minister's office?

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Senator Ludwig-I will have a look at that myself and pull out a calculator in due course.

Senator RONALDSON-Take it on notice.

Senator Ludwig-I will take it on notice.

Senator RONALDSON-[b] If it was 66 per cent, do you think that would be incredibly high and certainly way beyond any staff turnover in other ministers' offices? Indeed, think from this article it seems that for former prime ministers Howard, Keating and Hawke there was only fairly minor turnover. But, anyway, you will take that on notice, will you?

Senator Ludwig-As I said, I will have a look at it...

Answer:

(a) No.

(b) Not applicable.