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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Senator IAN MACDONALD-In relation to that agreement with Mr Oakeshott, can you tell us at what stage it became clear that he was going to be offered a ministry?

Senator Chris Evans-No.

Senator IAN MACDONALD-Can you take that on notice?

Senator Chris Evans-I will take it on notice, but I am not sure where we will get to with that, but, as I said to you, in addition to the agreement we have ongoing negotiations among all of us about a whole range of matters that come before the parliament. But the agreement between the parties was made public; the Prime Minister made public the offer to Mr Oakeshott; and his response was public.

Answer:

Information regarding the possibility of Mr Oakeshott serving in an executive capacity has already been released publicly.