

Senate Finance and Public Administration Standing Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES HEARINGS

PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET PORTFOLIO

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Senator: MACDONALD

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Senator IAN MACDONALD—Minister, you might also ask Mr Crean what intervention he made with the agriculture and environment ministers—whatever their long titles are nowadays—who made the decisions on Caring for our Country, to argue the case for Northern Australia, which constitutes, as I say, half the landmass of this continent. Would you take that on notice too?

Senator Sherry—I will take it on notice, but as you know cabinet discussions and discussions with ministers et cetera are confidential. But I will take it on notice and see what I can provide you.

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Answer:

Mr Crean holds regular discussions with his colleagues on policies and programs affecting all regions of Australia