

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Senator: Senator Ryan

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Question:

Senator RYAN: Senator Evans, are you able to answer whether or not there were discussions between the Prime Minister and Dr Henry about this project or her office and Dr Henry?

Senator Chris Evans: I will have to take that on notice because I do not know. I would be surprised if there wasn't but, for the purposes of accuracy, I will take it on notice. I would be surprised if they did not discuss it, but factually, I do not know so I will take it on notice.

Senator RYAN: I would appreciate advice on when it took place, if it did take place.

Senator Chris Evans: I will take that on notice.

Answer:

The Prime Minister discussed the possible Australia in the Asian Century White Paper with Dr Ken Henry and the Secretary of the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet, Dr Ian Watt on 26 September 2011.