

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

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Senator: Senator Ryan

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Question:

Senator RYAN: That is handy to know. Minister, can you take on notice when that scheduled phone call was arranged from the Prime Minister to the ambassador?

Senator Chris Evans: Yes, Senator.

Answer:

As the Prime Minister has said publicly, she was briefed by the Ambassador on a number of occasions on the circumstances of the young boy. These discussions generally were organised at short notice.