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Senator: Senator Ryan

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Question:

Senator RYAN: I have a couple of quick general questions before I move on to detailed domestic policy. Minister, does the Prime Minister's office have volunteers in it as well as paid staff?

Senator Chris Evans: I have no idea. I am happy to take that on notice. They might, like all of us, have some students in for a bit of work experience et cetera. But if you are talking about-

Senator RYAN: If there were unpaid people in the office-I know work experience people are paid a nominal fee to cover costs-whether that be university interns, high school interns, work experience people or volunteers-

Senator Chris Evans: I do not know. I will take it on notice for you, but I assume, like the rest of us, they might occasionally have an intern placed by one of the universities or something. But I do not know, so I will take that on notice.

Answer:

There are no volunteers working in the Prime Minister's office.