

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

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Senator: Senator Rhiannon

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Question:

Senator RHIANNON: During the discussion of the appointment of the Sri Lankan High Commissioner, Mr Samarasinghe, was Prime Minister and Cabinet briefed by DFAT?

Ms Tsirbas: I will have to take that question on notice.

Answer: Yes. Beyond this, as we have previously advised, Government policy is not to comment on the process of seeking and granting agreement.