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Question:

Senator FARRELL: Very good. The review into entitlements was originally announced on 2 August 2015 by the then Prime Minister, Mr Abbott, and a final recommendation was provided to the government on 22 February 2016. Can you tell us how many briefings were provided to the various special ministers of state during that period?

Ms McGregor: We will take the specifics on notice. We could get that for you.

Senator Ryan: That is with the proviso, Senator Farrell, that preparation work, drafts and briefings that relate to cabinet processes would not be included in that.

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Senator FARRELL: Yes, but I am asking about briefings between when the original announcement was made by the former Prime Minister and when you got the report.

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Senator FARRELL: On this topic, anyway. Are we able to receive copies of those briefings?

Senator Ryan: We do not normally do that.

Senator FARRELL: I am not inquiring whether you normally do it. I am asking, 'Are we able?'

Senator Ryan: I will take that on notice as to past practice and the application of various Senate orders.

Answer:

A briefing was provided to the then Special Minister of State, the Hon Mal Brough, on 13 October 2015.

Consistent with past practice, a copy of the above briefing is not being provided.