

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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**Senator:** Farrell

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**Question:**

**Senator FARRELL:** Can you tell us why the Prime Minister requested an interim report and recommendations from the committee on 17 October 2015?

**Senator Ryan:** That is a while ago. People will do what they can do, but that was quite a while ago, and we are examining the budget estimates for the current financial year.

**Senator FARRELL:** I am asking you the question, Minister. I appreciate it was a while ago. The fact of the matter is that the Conde report is now a topical subject of debate, and we are simply asking some questions about the historical background—

**Senator Ryan:** Given the time, I think it is fair to say we will take that on notice. It is not something that people preparing for estimates this year have on recall.

**Answer:**

A copy of the 17 October 2015 letter from the Prime Minister to John Conde and David Tune is published as an appendix to the report *An Independent Parliamentary Entitlements System* which was released in March 2016.