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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Senator: Farrell

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Question:

Senator FARRELL: Has the Department of Finance provided any advice to the Special Minister of State regarding the progress of the committee's work?

Senator Ryan: Can you be more specific? Are you asking a question about me, because I was not the minister during the committee—

Senator FARRELL: No, I am asking a question to the department. Have they at any time provided advice to any of the special ministers of state dealing with the Conde report, expressing any concern regarding the progress of the committee's work?

Senator Ryan: Again, it is very historical. I will take that on notice—but it does go back a substantial period of time. It is not something that the officials are going to have on the table—honestly, 2015 information for 2017 additional estimates. So we will take it on notice.

Senator FARRELL: I accept that you will take that on notice. If they do not have the information then obviously they cannot provide it today.

Answer:

The committee completed its work upon delivery of the report to the Prime Minister on 22 February 2016.

The department is not aware of any advice being provided to any of the Special Ministers of State expressing any concern with the work of the committee.