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Senator: Dastyari

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Question:

Senator Cormann: The charter letter came to me as the minister in the Finance portfolio, essentially listing and reminding me of the commitments we took to the election in my portfolio. A copy of that letter went to the secretary of my department as well. At various times over the next little while, we have to provide updates on progress and how we are performing against the objectives outlined in the charter letter.

Senator DASTYARI: I assume, Minister, you would be happy to take on notice the decision about whether or not you would release that letter.

Senator Cormann: I will take it on notice, but I suspect not. I think it is part of the cabinet processes, isn't it?

Mr Tune: I would have to check that.

Senator Cormann: I will take that on notice. If we can assist you, we will assist you.

Senator DASTYARI: I am sure that is your intention. That is all I wanted to do. I just wanted to put on notice the request to get a copy of the letter. Obviously it is something I am asking other people as well.

Answer:

The charter letter is a classified document and not for public release.