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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Division: Foreign Investment Division
Topic: Meetings with Mr Dimery
Reference: Spoken

Question:

ACTING CHAIR: Thank you. Mr Brake, are you familiar with Mr Dimery? Have you met with him?

Mr Brake: Mr Dimery?

ACTING CHAIR: The CEO of Alinta.

Mr Brake: We've met with a range of people from Alinta.

ACTING CHAIR: Do you believe you've met with Mr Dimery?

Mr Brake: Not in the recent past. I'd have to check our records.

ACTING CHAIR: But at some point in time? Can you help, Ms McAsey?

Ms McAsey: I don't believe Mr Brake has met with Mr Dimery, according to the records I've seen. We'd have to take that on notice to ensure the accuracy of our response.

ACTING CHAIR: Has anybody from FIRB met with Mr Dimery?

Mr Brake: We'd have to take that on notice.

ACTING CHAIR: Mr Dimery said this morning in evidence that he has had many meetings with Mr Frydenberg, in Mr Frydenberg's then role as the minister for energy. I would like to know: did Mr Frydenberg meet with Mr Dimery with Treasury at any point?

Ms Kelley: With Treasury officials present? ACTING CHAIR: Yes.

Mr Brake: Are you talking about foreign-investment officials or Treasury officials more broadly? I just want to be clear as to your question.

ACTING CHAIR: Perhaps you can give me answers to both, but I'm particularly interested from a Foreign Investment Review Board perspective and in any considerations around discussions with regard to NAIF and Alinta as well.

Mr Brake: Not to my knowledge, but we can take that on notice.

Answer:

Mr Brake and other Treasury staff met with Mr Dimery and Alinta executives on 11 May 2017.

Treasury has not identified any meeting between a member of FIRB and Mr Dimery. We are not aware of any meetings between Treasurer Frydenberg and Mr Dimery that included officials from Foreign Investment Division.