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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Inquiry into foreign investment proposals

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Division: Foreign Investment Division
Topic: Meeting between Mr Jeff Dimery and the Treasurer, Mr Frydenberg
Reference: Spoken

Question:

ACTING CHAIR: Can I ask directly: Mr Brake, could you look at your correspondence and see whether you emailed Alinta noting that Mr Jeff Dimery had had a meeting with the Treasurer, Mr Frydenberg?

Mr Brake: We can check our records.

ACTING CHAIR: Or did you inform anyone in your department about a meeting between Mr Frydenberg and Mr Dimery at which, I understand, discussions about conditions of approval for the purchase of Alinta were discussed?

Mr Brake: We can check that.

ACTING CHAIR: I do have a contact—I don't really want to name them—and I believe there has been some email exchange. I'd like to know about communications in the Foreign Investment Review Board's discussions that include the Treasurer, and any remediation plan that might have been discussed and the terms of the remediation plan.

Ms Kelley: And whether we're aware of those meetings?

ACTING CHAIR: Yes.

Answer:

In an email from a Treasury official to Alinta, a meeting between Mr Dimery and the Treasurer was referenced.