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Question:

Senator CAMERON: Minister, I should indicate that I remember that when I asked—Mr Tidswell, you have taken it on notice, and I think, Minister Payne, you have taken it on notice—for a briefing on the WPIT the minister wrote to me and said that I would not be getting a briefing and that I would have to ask in the forums that are available to me: questions on notice in the Senate, questions without notice and estimates. I must say—and thanks very much—that when you were minister and I asked for a briefing I got a briefing, and I appreciate that. Could you ask the minister for an explanation as to why briefings were previously provided to the opposition and why that has changed under his ministerial tenure.

Senator Payne: I will take that question up.

Answer:

A briefing was held with Senator Cameron on 16 June 2016.