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Answers to questions on notice
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Senator Waters asked:

Senator WATERS: I understand. Given that that department does not have expertise in climate issues or health issues, would they normally seek advice from other departments in order to prepare a comprehensive briefing for their minister?

Dr de Brouwer: In general, we would work with departments to supplement that briefing as required. That is normal. We work closely with each other.

Senator WATERS: Have you yet been asked to do that for Minister Frydenberg?

Dr de Brouwer: I am not aware of that. I would have to take that on notice. There are always ongoing discussions between departments around these matters, but I would have to take that on notice.

Answer:

1. No.
2. No.