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Senator Urquhart, Anne asked:

Senator URQUHART: As you report directly to the minister, how many times since you were announced as the commissioner on 9 October 2015 have you met with the relevant minister to discuss your role and brief them on your work?

Mr Dyer: I would probably want to give you a precise answer on notice. I have had two ministers—Minister Hunt and now Minister Frydenberg. I would say we would catch up in a face-to-face every two months and there is ongoing communication between that and obviously communication with the office of the minister.

Senator URQUHART: But you will provide a bit more detail on notice? Mr Dyer: Yes, a precise answer.

Answer:

Since commencing the role, the National Wind Farm Commissioner has met with the former Minister for the Environment, the Hon Minister Hunt MP on three occasions and with the Minister for the Environment and Energy, the Hon Minister Frydenberg MP on three occasions.