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QUESTION: BET 2

Topic: Fair Work Australia Report - conversation (ATO)

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Senator ABETZ asked:

Senator ABETZ: Right. That was the HSU No. 1 Branch report, and that is the one you have been dealing with. Sorry, I should have made it clear—and I thought I did. The HSU National Office Fair Work Australia report is the one that I am referring to. I assume the discussion with the minister's chief of staff also dealt with the HSU No. 1 Branch report as opposed to the HSU National Office report. **Mr Quigley:** I will need to take that notice.

Answer:

The conversation with the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations' Chief of Staff on 19 March 2012 related to the No 1 Branch report. The conversation did not relate to the Fair Work Australia Report on the Investigation into the Health Services Union National Office, which the ATO obtained when it was publicly released on 7 May 2012.