

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

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Asked By: Senator Fierravanti-Wells

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Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS? Minister Evans, given the supposed involvement of Health Minister Roxon, why was Minister Roxon not next to the Prime Minister when this announcement was made?

Senator Chris Evans?...I cannot help you with who was at the particular announcement. I saw Minister Roxon on media in the days following the announcement, explaining the decisions and the government's approach. I can take that question on notice if you would like, but I have no idea why, on that particular occasion, Minister Roxon was not at the official post-COAG announcement.

Answer:

The Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet is unable to comment on the Minister for Health and Ageing's availability to participate in press conferences. As a matter of convention, at the conclusion of their meetings, the members of the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) normally hold a joint media conference. Portfolio Ministers do not participate in these media conferences.