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Question:

Senator WONG: Senator Abetz, the Prime Minister in his press conference of 9 February said a number of things. One of the things he said was, 'I've listened, I've learnt and I've changed, and the government will change with me.' Can you tell me how the Prime Minister has changed?

Senator Abetz: The Prime Minister is an exceptionally capable and good individual. Sometimes the good gets even better, and that is what the Prime Minister has committed himself to doing—to be, as he said publicly, more consultative with the backbench and with the community.

Senator WONG: So is the 'I've changed' being more consultative with the backbench and the community?

Senator Abetz: Amongst many other things, I am sure.

Senator WONG: What are the other things?

Senator Abetz: I will take that on notice, and I am sure we will be able to provide you with a detailed list.

Answer:

The Prime Minister outlined some of these changes during a Press Conference on 9 February 2015, the transcript of which is available on the Prime Minister's website.