

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Topic: Treasurer's legal action

Senator: Senator the Hon Penny Wong

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Question:

Was the Prime Minister or his office consulted before the Treasurer launched defamation proceedings against Fairfax Media related to a story about the North Sydney Forum?

Answer:

Consistent with longstanding practice, discussions that may or may not have occurred between the Prime Minister and his Ministerial colleagues are not disclosed.