

**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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**Outcome/Program:** Outcome 1: Prime Minister and Cabinet  
**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.