

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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**Senator:** Senator the Hon Joe Ludwig

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**Question:**

Senator LUDWIG: For the winners, then, was Ms Bishop consulted on the appointment of Mr Ciobo from Queensland as her new parliamentary secretary?

Senator Abetz: That I do not know. These matters are usually determined by the leader.

Senator LUDWIG: You could take it on notice.

Senator Abetz: I could. I will see if the Prime Minister has anything further to add.

**Answer:**

The Prime Minister does not comment on the content of private discussions that may or may not have taken place with Ministers.