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Question:

Senator WONG: I just want the date of your contact with the DFAT secretary that you gave evidence about, Ms Foster. It was just the one, wasn't it?
Ms Foster: I will have to take that on notice. I do not have it with me.
Senator WONG: It was before or after Mr Briggs resigned?
Ms Foster: I think it would have to have been afterwards because I think that the matter became public after he resigned and, as the commissioner said, we were not aware of the issue before then.

Answer:

Ms Foster spoke to the Acting Secretary, Jennifer Rawson, on 8 January 2016.