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Senator: Wong, Penny

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Question:

Senator WONG: ... I would like to know who was in the room when the call was made.

Senator Brandis: Yes, I can take that question on notice.

Senator WONG: And I have asked you what notes were taken and I asked—

Senator Brandis: No, I thought you asked me whether notes were taken.

Senator WONG: Yes. I am asking, if those notes were taken, have they been provided to any member of the public service? Have they been provided to DFAT, have they been provided to PM&C?

Senator Brandis: Why don't I take on notice the question: if notes were taken, to which officials they were provided?

Senator WONG: And if not, why not.

Senator Brandis: Okay.

Answer:

Confidential notes were taken by advisers during the call.