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Ouestion:

Senator WONG: I have one last thing. Have you answered 51? This is Senator Faulkner's.

Senator JACINTA COLLINS: Yes, they have. I have that.

Senator WONG: Ms Connell, I want to raise an issue. The precise and identical question was asked by Senator McKenzie. That question on notice was answered and tabled some time ago. Is there a reason why Senator Faulkner's identical question was not answered until today? It just seems a little odd that the government's questions got answered but not Senator Faulkner's. The comparable questions are F51 and F46; I am sorry. That is right. The identical question from Senator McKenzie has been answered—that is, how many personal vacancies—but the identical question from Senator Faulkner has not been answered. Is there a reason that the department is giving for answering the government question about vacancies but not the opposition's?

Ms Connell: I will have to take that on notice. I do not have an answer for you now.

Answer:

Question on Notice F46 was tabled on 23 May 2014 and F51 was tabled on 27 May 2014.