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Question:

CHAIR: Did PM&C ever have a conversation, or discussions, with former Prime Minister Gillard about the Global Partnership for Education?

Ms Cross: We would have to check that for you. Is it an aid organisation or an international—

CHAIR: Was Prime Minister and Cabinet ever advised that former Prime Minister Gillard was going to become the chairman of such a partnership?

Ms Cross: Is that since she was in the Prime Minister's—

CHAIR: Yes. She was subsequently appointed—

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Ms Cross: Again, not that I am aware of. But I will check for you.

Answer:

The Department did not have conversations or discussions with former Prime Minister, the Hon Julie Gillard, about the Global Partnership for Education (GPE).

The Department was advised that Ms Gillard was going to become the Board Chair of the GPE before the announcement was made.