

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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**Senator:** Senator Christine Milne

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**Question:**

Senator MILNE: Medecins Sans Frontieres said that they told the government prior to the government announcing more money that they did not want money; they wanted equipment. You have just said you cannot recall that, so I am asking in relation to Senator Wong specifically mentioning that organisation.

Ms Cross: We will take that on notice and check it, but a lot of the direct contact is with the health department and the health minister, rather than with PM&C, so we will have to take that on notice.....

Senator MILNE: The question was just simply: did Medecins Sans Frontieres inform the government that that is what they wanted?

Dr McCarthy: I do not have that information in front of me.

**Answer:**

No.