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Question:

Senator JACINTA COLLINS: It is a question for the government minister, Senator McGrath. Mr Turnbull has made a statement on Hansard with respect to his interests. There are a series of questions that arise from that statement that remain unanswered. I have some further questions, because at the moment we are just talking about the very first brush—so to speak—when he became Minister for Communications. It would make things far easier and more transparent if the Prime Minister simply released what advice Dr Watt provided to the Prime Minister at the time.

Ms Kelly: The Prime Minister has—

Senator JACINTA COLLINS: That was a question to Senator McGrath.

Senator McGrath: I will have to seek advice on that.

Senator JACINTA COLLINS: You will take that on notice?

Senator McGrath: No, I will seek advice.

Answer:

The advice provided by the former Secretary of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet was prepared for the consideration of the Governance Committee of the Cabinet. To disclose the advice would disclose the deliberations of a Cabinet Committee.