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Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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**Senator:** Senator the Hon Jacinta Collins

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**Question:**

Senator JACINTA COLLINS: Mr Turnbull made changes to his declaration of interests on 11 December and 18 December. Could those two changes have been a component of this process?

Ms Kelly: I would have to take that on notice, Senator Collins.

Senator JACINTA COLLINS: Again, because we do not have the advice, it is hard to look at his public declaration and to understand which divestments, for instance, might relate to a process to manage perceived conflicts of interest. So I will wait for that information. Was further advice in relation to Mr Turnbull's interests provided between—sorry, what date did you tell me that was?

Ms Kelly: 19 December.

Senator JACINTA COLLINS: 19 December and, essentially—well, let's put it back a month ago.

Ms Kelly: I do not have any information to suggest that it was. But I will confirm that there was no further advice provided at a subsequent date prior to Mr Turnbull becoming Prime Minister.

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Ms Kelly: What I said I would come back to you with is whether or not the department had provided advice via the Secretary under the code at the request of the Prime Minister.

**Answer:**

The Department was not informed of the reasons for the changes to the declarations of interests made on 11 December and 18 December.

The Secretary of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet provided advice at the request of the Prime Minister in addition to that provided on 19 December 2013 and on 26 September 2014. This advice was prepared for the consideration of the Governance Committee of Cabinet.