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Question:

Senator McALLISTER: Is that something that you could answer for the committee subsequently on notice?

Senator Brandis: What is the question you want me to take on notice?

Senator McALLISTER: I want to know whether Mr Macfarlane has had any business meetings with members of the government, the parliament or the Public Service on any matter on which he had official dealings as a minister in his last 18 months of office.

Senator Brandis: Not all of that question, I think, is the government able to respond to. For example, I would not know whether Mr Macfarlane had met individual members of parliament or perhaps members of the opposition. I just do not know. But, insofar as the question is directed to meetings of the kind you describe with members of the government—that is, members or assistant ministers—I will take that part of the question on notice.

CHAIR: Ms Kelly, have any concerns been raised about the minister for resources in the previous government, Martin Ferguson, and a similar role that he took on with the mining industry following his retirement from parliament?

Ms Kelly: I will have to take that on notice, Chair.

Answer:

1. This matter is covered by the Order agreed by the Senate on 23 November 2016.
2. As far as the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C) is aware, no concerns were raised with PM&C regarding Mr Ferguson's post ministerial employment.