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Question:

Senator McKENZIE: I also have a follow-up on that. Did former Prime Minister Rudd seek advice about the former trade minister Dr Emerson, upon leaving his role in July 2013, setting up Craig Emerson Economics, which, according to their website, in September provided trade and investment policy about relationships in Asia—bearing in mind he had just completed the white paper for that government, so there was a very strong link between his previous ministerial work and this lobbying firm, which he set up within three months of leaving? Did the former Prime Minister seek your advice about that particular issue?

Ms Kelly: If it is not within Mr Rush's knowledge then it is something we will have to take on notice. It was before my time.

Answer:

As far as the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C) is aware, former Prime Minister, the Hon Kevin Rudd MP, did not seek advice from PM&C regarding Dr Emerson's setting up Craig Emerson Economics.