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**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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**Senator:** Wong, Penny

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**Question:**

Senator WONG: It has been reported that the foreign minister had discussions with Mr Rudd following the 2013 election, where she encouraged him to speak to other countries about his candidacy. Did PM&C have any knowledge of that?

Mr McKinnon: I would like to take that on notice as well. It was not something I had any knowledge of at all. I do not think that is the case, but I would like to confirm it.

**Answer:**

No. The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet had no knowledge of discussions between the Minister for Foreign Affairs, the Hon Julie Bishop MP and the Hon Kevin Rudd.