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TOPIC: Departmental Emails

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Edwards

QUESTION No. BI -57

Senator RYAN: Mr Lawson, how many emails did you exchange with the minister and/or his staff between August last year and March this year? I appreciate there might need to be some degree of—

Mr Lawson: I might need to take that on notice, Senator.

Senator RYAN: How often would you email them?

Mr Lawson: It very much varies, Senator, as to whether events are running hot on a particular day. You may have as many as 20 emails in a day churn or sometimes an absence of an email.

Senator RYAN: I appreciate that. Mr Durrant, would the same answer apply to you?

Mr Durrant: Yes, it does.

ANSWER

Mr Lawson exchanged emails with Ministers' offices as required, with the result that the numbers were highly variable.