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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Topic: Unlimited Guarantee – Prime Minister and Mr Stevens

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Senator COONAN asked:

Senator COONAN —Did Mr Rudd speak with Mr Stevens at any time over the weekend of the cabinet meeting?

Senator Conroy —I am not sure that that is a question that Dr Henry—

Senator COONAN —He may or may not know, but he can answer.

Senator Conroy —I am not sure that he is entitled to reveal who the Prime Minister has had a conversation with. I think that is a question that you are more than welcome to have asked of the Prime Minister in question time at 2 o'clock, but it is not a question that I think Dr Henry—

Senator COONAN —Well, I can ask you, Minister.

Senator Conroy —I am happy to take it on notice.

Answer:

We are unable to provide a response to this question, as it goes to the nature of policy deliberations of Government.