Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

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Question: PM60

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Topic: Meetings between the Prime Minister and unionists

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Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked: -While you are at it, perhaps you might like to tell us if this is the only alleged meeting that has occurred between Mr Rudd and unionists at the Lodge. You might like to tell us if there were other meetings that may have occurred at the Lodge or Kirribilli or other places. If that is the line you want to take, take it on notice. But be very comprehensive in your answer, Minister... I did say at the Lodge or Kirribilli. I did qualify it.

Answer: The long standing practice is not to make any comments on private meetings or conversations the Prime Minister may have.