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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Senator Ronaldson asked: -What did you say to him: 'We are going to need to get something put together very quickly so we can start building the case around this issue?'

Senator Faulkner-No, I did not say that. I said that I thought the issues that had been raised by me with officials at a briefing were important enough to warrant further consideration-I have identified to you what they were-and suggested to him how this might progress.

Senator RONALDSON-Just finally-

Senator Faulkner-What I cannot say to you-and I just want to be really clear on this-is whether that phone conversation took place on the 20th or the 21st. I believe it was the 21st, but I will need to really check that date.

Answer: The conversation took place on 21 May 2008.