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Senator ABETZ-So nobody in Prime Minister and Cabinet writes articles that are sometimes then placed in foreign papers, or indeed Australian papers, under the name of the Prime Minister?

Ms Beauchamp-I will have to take that on notice.

Answer: As has been standard practice, from time to time, officials from the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet draft factual material for the Prime Minister's use, including for use by the Prime Minister in connection with his development of opinion articles.