

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Senator: Senator Ronaldson

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Question:

Senator RONALDSON: Minister, I want to talk about the government's dealings with the Speaker, the member for Fisher. Did the Prime Minister during the course of 2011 receive the member for Fisher in her office, on what occasions, how many times and what was discussed?

Senator Chris Evans: I have no idea what the answer to that question is. I am happy to take it on notice and see what the Prime Minister has got to say in response. I have no understanding of what meetings occurred.

Answer:

Meetings between the Prime Minister and Senators and Members are confidential.