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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Topic: Government Staffing Committee meetings to discuss sanctions on report

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Senator Ronaldson asked: So how many times did the government staffing committee meet in relation to this matter to discuss the sanctions after receipt of the report of 24 July, Mr Mrdak?

Mr Mrdak-I am sorry, I do not have those details.

Senator Faulkner-I do not have those details either obviously. But, as I have indicated, I am happy to outline the process for you.

Senator RONALDSON-I want to know what discussions took place in relation to the sanctions and on what dates, following receipt of Mr Hamburger's sanctions report of 24 July. Did you meet at all?

Senator Faulkner-I do not have that information, but I will see if I can find that detail.

Senator RONALDSON-Minister, you must remember whether the government staffing committee met to-

Senator Faulkner-You have asked me for details of it and I do not want to make it up. The government staffing committee did meet. It did discuss these issues, but I do not actually have the dates before me. We will see what we can do on notice to find out the answer to your question.

Answer: Please see the answer to PM32a.