

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Senator: Senator Rhiannon

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Question:

Senator RHIANNON: What steps has the Australian government taken or is the government taking to investigate whether Sri Lankan officials seeking to attend CHOGM may be implicated in war crimes?

Dr McCarthy: I will need to take that question on notice.

Answer:

The question does not fall within the responsibility of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, it falls within the responsibility of the Attorney-General's Department.