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Question:

Senator LUDLAM: I have had about seven minutes, Chair. What agencies or departments were consulted in the preparation of the briefing? I will ask you to take that one on notice.

Mr Sadleir: I will take that on notice.

Senator Chris Evans: Can I just say that I suspect that the Minister for Foreign Affairs would have discussed with the Prime Minister things like asylum. They would have been issues that he would have been on top of.

Answer: The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet consulted the Attorney-General's Department and the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade in preparing the 31 May 2012 briefing to the Prime Minister.