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Mr ALBANESE (Grayndler) (3.53 pm)—Mr Speaker, on indulgence, I ask whether you would table that advice so that we can have an opportunity to examine it and determine a position on it.

Mr SPEAKER—The member for Grayndler will be aware that the entire advice just given by me will be recorded in *Hansard* and will be available to everybody.

Mr ALBANESE—Could we perhaps get a copy of the advice now rather than later on?

Mr Downer—You can get it in *Hansard*.

Mr ALBANESE—Yes, but after the Olympics.

Mr SPEAKER—If the member for Grayndler has a particular concern he wants to address to the chair he might care to do so and I will recognise him. I will not have him engage in cross-chamber conversation, nor will I have other people provoke him.

Mr ALBANESE—Mr Speaker, I want to thank you for the detailed response you have given us. I would like to get a copy of it because, as you are aware, this is the last sitting day before we get up. We will not be back for three weeks and it may well be that we wish to respond in that time.

Mr SPEAKER—The member for Grayndler has asked me a question. I will ensure that he has a copy of the statement I have just made to the House. Any other members wanting a copy of the statement can access it through my office. I trust, however, that, in the interests of the library, as a result of the conversations between the President and I, the matter will be satisfactorily resolved for all.