

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES 2010-2011

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

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Topic: National Security Committee of Cabinet

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1. How many times has the NSCC met in 2011?

2. In response to answers to questions on notice from the Supplementary Budget Estimates 2010 about the NSCC states the NSC met 22 times in 2008, 26 times in 2009 and to date 18 times in 2010.

a) In total, how many times did the NSCC meet in 2010?

b) What is the breakdown for the number of meetings held per month for the years 2008, 2009, 2010, at 2011 to date?

Answer:

1. As at 18 March 2011, the National Security Committee of Cabinet has met eight times in 2011.

2. a) In total, the National Security Committee of Cabinet met 21 times in 2010.

b) While the Government publically reports the number of Cabinet and Committee meetings on an annual basis, the Government does not disclose detailed information such as a monthly breakdown due to the sensitive nature of the meetings.