

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

Question: 70

Topic: Health Reform - Cabinet Process

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Were proper Cabinet process followed, including:

- a) Were lodgement deadlines adhered to (the Cabinet Handbook requires that there should be sufficient time for consultation - at least a few days) or was it a last minute decision to bring forward this new health deal?**
- b) When did the matter go to Cabinet?**
- c) Did Minister Roxon bring this matter to Cabinet or was it a joint submission?**

Answer:

In accordance with longstanding practice the Department does not comment on the detail of Cabinet consideration.