

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Senator: Senator the Hon Penny Wong

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Question:

Can the process for appointing the next Governor-General be outlined?

On what date/s has the department provided the Prime Minister, and/or the Office of the Prime Minister, with advice on the process for appointing the next Governor-General?

Has a short-list of potential appointees been prepared by the department and/or the Prime Minister and/or the Office of the Prime Minister?

Answer:

The Governor-General is appointed by Her Majesty The Queen on the advice and recommendation of the Prime Minister.

The Department has provided advice on the process of appointing a Governor-General. It is not possible to provide the detail requested in the question as some instances will not have been documented.

The Department has not prepared a shortlist of potential appointees, nor is it aware of any shortlist.