

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2016 - 2017

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Senator: Wong, Penny

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Question:

Mr McKinnon: I have never seen any copies of them and the relevant area sits under my control, so I assume that I would have, had they come to us.

Senator WONG: So no copies of notes from that meeting have been provided as far as you are aware?

Mr McKinnon: That is right.

Senator WONG: Is Mr Clarke still be Prime Minister's chief of staff?

Mr McKinnon: Yes.

Senator WONG: I am asking for a copy of those notes.

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Senator Brandis: And those who were present at the meeting were as you say, and if notes were taken then those notes would not be producible to the parliament. But I will take the question on notice to give you a full statement of the government's response to that question, having interrogated its premises.

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Senator WONG: When did you do that?

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Mr McKinnon: We will get the dates for you.

Answer:

As Senator Brandis makes clear, notes such as these, if taken, would not be producible to the Parliament.