

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

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Question: PM 4

Outcome 1

Topic: Questions on matters before the Cole Commission

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Senator Ray asked: Can Mr Cole call security agencies before him for information?

Answer:

The *Royal Commissions Act 1902* provides for the power of a Commission to summon any person to appear at a hearing to give evidence or produce specified documents or other things. The Act does not provide any special exemptions for personnel of a security agency.