

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio**

**Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet**

Additional Estimates Hearings 2005-2006, 13 February 2006

**Question: PM 59**

**Outcome 1, Output 1.1**

**Topic:** PM&C involvement in briefing of Liberal MPs on the distribution of funding under the Regional Partnerships programme

**Written**

**Senator Evans asked:**

1. Did the Department organise a briefing for Liberal backbenches (sic) on the distribution of funding under the regional partnerships program in October last year?
2. Who requested the briefing?
3. Is it the role of the Prime Minister's department to provide briefings to Liberal backbenchers on specific issues/programs?
4. On how many other occasions have Liberal backbenchers received similar briefings? Please provide a list of them including date, location, attendees and subject of the meeting.
5. Has the Department offered similar briefings to non-Government backbenchers? If not, why not?

**Answer:**

1. No
2. N/A
3. No
4. N/A
5. N/A.