

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

Supplementary Additional Estimates Hearings 2007, 12 February 2007

Question: PM81

Outcome 1

Topic: Ministerial Consultants – Mr Geoffrey Cousins

Hansard Page: Written:

Senator Evans asked:

Can the Department confirm that it received a letter of resignation from Mr Cousins, in relation to his consultancy with the Prime Minister, on 18 September 2006? Under the terms of the contract did it end on that day? If not what date, under the terms of the contract did it end? On what date did Mr Cousins receive his last payment under this contract.

Answer: The department received advice from the Prime Minister's Office that Mr Cousins had resigned in writing with effect from 18 September 2006.

The Department of Finance and Administration advises that Mr Cousins received his last payment on 21 September 2006.