

Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

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Question: PM19

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Topic: Code of Conduct

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Senator Abetz asked: Senator ABETZ—Will a minister be required to sign up to them or just verbally accept them or is it deemed that they know the content?...

Senator Chris Evans—I will take it on notice as to whether we are required to actually sign...

Answer: As indicated in the response to PM17, the *Standards of Ministerial Ethics* was considered by Cabinet on 6 December 2007. Decisions of Cabinet are reached collectively and bind all Ministers as decisions of the Government.