

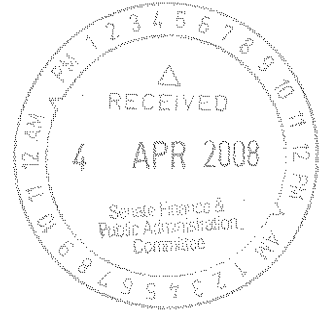
**Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio**

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**Question: PM35**

**Outcome 1, Output 4**

**Topic: Ministerial code of ethics**

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**Senator Ronaldson asked: Senator RONALDSON - I will go back to the department again and I will again ask the question. Given that you have responsibility for the ministerial code of ethics, what steps are you taking, or have you taken, to satisfy yourselves that those who attended that function or the discussions that took place at that function were not in breach of the prime ministerial code of ethics, particularly in relation to the soliciting of donations?...**

**Senator Chris Evans - ...You are quite rightly pursuing matters of interest as to the use of official establishments. Where we can help you today, we will; where we cannot, I will take the questions on notice...**

**Answer:**

Ministers are responsible for ensuring their conduct is consistent with the Standards of Ministerial Ethics.