

**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  
Additional Estimates Hearings 18 February 2008**



**Question: PM51**

**Outcome 1, Output 2**

**Topic: Apology**

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**Senator Abetz asked: Senator ABETZ - ...When was it decided to make the apology the first item of substantive business for the parliament? When was that decision taken?**

**Senator Faulkner - I am not sure that I can answer that question. I do not know whether the officials will be able to be precise about this.**

**Ms Belcher - I do not have a precise date for that.**

**Senator ABETZ - Let's take that on notice.**

**Senator Faulkner - We are happy to take that on notice for you.**

**Answer:**

The Prime Minister's Office has advised that the decision to make the apology the first item of substantive business for the parliament was made just prior to 30 January 2008.