

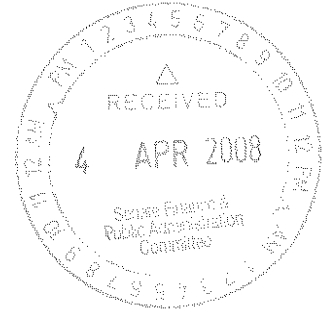
Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

Additional Estimates Hearings 18 February 2008



Question: PM58

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Topic: Apology letter

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Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked: Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS - Senator Faulkner, when did the Prime Minister become aware of the actions of the members of his staff?

Senator Faulkner - I do not know.

Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS - Could you take that on notice?

Senator Faulkner - I think this was something, as I understand from the events of last Wednesday, that was reported by a media outlet. I think it is very likely that the Prime Minister would have become aware some time after that. That is my understanding of it. If that is not correct, I will provide further and better advice to you...

Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS - Were there other people in the Prime Minister's office who were aware of this incident before it actually happened?

Senator Faulkner - I have no idea; none at all.

Answer: Please refer to the answer to PM57