

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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Topic: PM meetings with five heads of mission

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Senator Fifield asked: -If you could, that would be great. Thank you very much. Also, which countries do the other five heads of mission that have met with the Prime Minister represent? If you could take that on notice.

Mr Mrdak-I will take that on notice and come back to as quickly as I can.

Answer: The Prime Minister regularly meets heads of mission at diplomatic and other functions in Canberra and elsewhere. Heads of mission also attend meetings involving the Prime Minister and visiting foreign dignitaries. During the nominated nine month period to 27 August 2008 the Prime Minister met the following additional heads of mission:

- (1) Ambassador of the United States of America
- (2) High Commissioner for United Kingdom
- (3) Ambassador of Japan
- (4) Ambassador of Indonesia
- (5) Ambassador of the Republic of Korea