

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

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**Senator RYAN-What about people representing organisations and businesses? Can you give me those details? Let us say, for example, the convener of the local World Wildlife Fund chapter met with the minister for the environment or the minister for climate change at one of these community cabinets. Could I have access to the organisation without the person in that case?**

**Ms Beauchamp-Again, I would have to seek the approval of that organisation.**

**Answer:** People attending Community Cabinet meetings are registered as individuals, regardless of whether they represent an organisation or business. As advised in our response to Senator Ryan's Question on Notice (PMC27c), they are advised that the information they provide to PM&C will be used only for Community Cabinet purposes, and in these circumstances, the individual's consent would need to be sought for any further disclosure. As there have been over 1200 one-on-one meetings to date, this would require an unreasonable diversion of the department's resources.