

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Senator: Senator Abetz

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Question:

Senator ABETZ: When was the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet first alerted to the possibility of this deal with Mr Wilkie not being able to be fulfilled?

Mr Ronalds: Senator, we will take that question on notice.

Answer:

The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet did not receive advice that the deal was not able to be fulfilled. The Department did receive advice in July 2011 that there were risks around the feasibility of venues to comply with the legislation by 2014.