

**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 Ryan

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**Question:**

On December 4, 2008, the then Prime Minister Rudd delivered his inaugural National Security Statement to Parliament. He promised it would be the first of regular statements, which would become just as important as the annual budget statement.

Why has there been no further statement?

**Answer:** The Prime Minister intends to deliver a National Security Statement in 2012.