

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 the Hon Faulkner

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Question:

Senator FAULKNER: Can you say the date of that letter, please.

Ms Leon: It was 17 September 2012.

Senator FAULKNER: Would you mind taking on notice for me as to whether that response can be provided to the committee. I accept that you probably are not able to make that decision without consulting the Prime Minister or the Prime Minister's office unless you can table it, I assume you cannot.

Ms Leon: I think I should take that on notice.

Senator FAULKNER: Fair enough. If you could, I would appreciate it.

Answer:

As the policy remains under consideration, it is not proposed to provide the document on the basis that it goes to the deliberative process of Government and the ability to freely deliberate within government on policy options.