

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

Outcome/Program: 1.1.3 Support Services for Government Operations

Topic: Ministers Resignation

Senator: Senator Ryan

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Question:

1. How is the department advised of Minister's resignation?
2. When was the department first advised of the planned resignation of Minister Roxon and Minister Evans?
3. Were there any portfolio policy responsibilities (either in Minister Roxon's or Minister Evan's portfolio) during the Cabinet reshuffle that PM&C had to assume responsibility of lead agency, because the departments were transitioning to new Ministers?

Answer:

1. The department receives a copy of the minister's letter of resignation to the Prime Minister.
2. The department received advice on the intended changes to ministerial arrangements shortly before the announcement.
3. No.