

**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:**

1. On what date was PM&C first advised by Treasury that the Government would most likely not be able to deliver a surplus budget?
2. Did PM&C have any input into the timing of the Treasurer's announcement on 20 December 2012, that the Government would most likely not be able to deliver a surplus budget?

**Answer:**

1. PM&C regularly discusses the budget outlook, strategy and emerging risks with the Department of the Treasury and the Department of Finance and Deregulation.
2. No.