

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

Additional Estimates 11-14 February 2013

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:** FOI - Senate Estimates Briefs - 3rd Party Consultation

**Senator:** Senator the Hon Abetz

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**Question:**

Senator ABETZ: In relation to the 47 pages and how many pages does the third-party consultation relate to?

Ms Leon: I would have to take that on notice.

Senator ABETZ: Can I suggest to you not all 47 pages? So can I then ask: on what basis were all the pages withheld from the opposition?

**Answer:**

The third party consultation relates to one page.

For the second question concerning on what basis all the pages were withheld,

Ms Leon answered at the Senate Estimates hearing on Monday 11 February 2013 (Hansard reference Page 63) when she replied "Because we have not yet finalised the decision on the request."