

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

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Question: PM32

Outcome 1, Output 3.2

Topic: SIEV X cable

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Senator Faulkner asked: Can we establish what action any of those officers took as a result of reading the cable?

Answer: Relevant senior PM&C officers have indicated that it was normal practice for cables to be passed to more senior officers within the Education, Immigration and Indigenous Policy Branch. None of these officers can recall any specific action that was taken as a consequence of reading the cable.