

**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: PM5**

**Outcome 4, Output 4.2**

**Topic: Further Advices Sought by the PM – Professor Flint**

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Senator Faulkner asked: What I am now asking is whether there are any outstanding advices or whether, as far as Ms Belcher and the department is aware, the advice on these matters is concluded?

Senator Hill – I will refer to the Prime Minister the question as to whether he has sought advice from other parties and see how he wishes to respond.

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Senator Hill – You can draw if you like, but it is not valid from what you have been told because the Prime Minister may have sought advice from other parties.

Senator Faulkner – Are you able to assist us with that or have you taken that on notice?

Senator Hill – I said I would refer that to the Prime Minister if that was your wish.

Senator Faulkner – Fine.

**Answer:** In addition to advice sought from the Secretary of his department, the Prime Minister sought the advice of the Solicitor-General through Dr Shergold.