

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: PM 55

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Human Cloning

Direct on Notice

Senator Harradine asked: With reference to the Intergovernmental Agreement on Embryo Research and Human Cloning:

The Agreement records that it was signed by Jim Bacon as Premier of Tasmania, but by 31 March 2004 Tasmania's Premier was Paul Lennon. Who signed the agreement for Tasmania?

Answer: The Agreement was signed by the late Jim Bacon MHA, as Premier of Tasmania, on 5 January 2004. The Agreement is dated 31 March 2004 because that is the date on which it was signed by the Prime Minister, following signature by all other jurisdictions, and therefore the date on which it commenced.