

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 23

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Topic: Meeting Minutes of Secretaries' Group on Indigenous Affairs

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Senator Carr asked: What reason would be extended for not providing them [meeting minutes of Secretaries' Group on Indigenous Affairs] to this committee?

Answer: The Department will provide copies of the formal meeting minutes of the Secretaries' Group on Indigenous Affairs to the committee. [The minutes have yet to be finalised] and when they have been, will be examined to delete any material that relates to Cabinet deliberations or material that would be against the public interest to disclose. This process has commenced and copies will be provided to the committee as soon as possible.