

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 34**

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**Topic: Parliamentary Secretary to the PM**

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**Senator Faulkner asked: Was Mr Slipper sworn in for this position? I just wondered how, if Mr Slipper had certain responsibilities in one department—does it work like an acting ministerial arrangement? How long was he acting in that position?**

**Answer:** Mr Slipper was sworn as Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration on 26 November 2001 and acted as Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister from 14 March 2002 until 7 October 2003. He was not sworn to that position, but was asked by the Prime Minister to act, in the same way ministers are asked to act in ministerial positions.