

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 35

Outcome 1, Output 1

Topic: Beaudesert Rail

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Senator Faulkner asked: I am interested in knowing what communications have taken place between the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet and the PMO. I am drawing a distinction, as you would appreciate, Mr Metcalfe, between the PMO and the correspondence and briefing directly to the Prime Minister...But the detail I am requesting is the time, the date and the type of communication that occurred between the department and the PMO. I am not asking for the content of such communications; I am asking for an outline of the administrative actions and other actions that passed. It is quite a straightforward matter.

Answer: The communications between the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet and the Prime Minister's Office on the Beaudesert Rail project were: 30 May 2003, written communication; 6 June 2003, two written communications; 10 June 2003, two written communications; 11 June 2003, written communication; 14 August 2003, four written communications; 3 September 2003, written communication; 4 September 2003, four written communications; and 4 November 2003, written communication.