

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

Budget Estimates Hearings 2005-2006, 23 and 24 May 2005

Questions: PM 48 and 49.

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Topic: MEDICARE SAFETY NET

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PM 48

Senator Chris Evans asked: Do you know the number of times you advised the Prime Minister?

Answer: After 19 October 2004, the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet provided briefings to the Prime Minister in relation to the costs of the Medicare safety net on four occasions.

PM 49

Senator Chris Evans asked: Can you give me the dates for when you gave that advice?

Answer: After 19 October 2004, the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet provided briefings to the Prime Minister in relation to the costs of the Medicare safety net on the following dates:

- 26 November 2004;
- 3 March 2005;
- 16 March 2005 (two briefs)