

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 2006-2007, 22-23 May 2006

Question: PM 32

Topic: Superannuation

Direct on Notice:

Senator Evans asked:

- (a) Was PM&C involved in the development of the proposals related to superannuation changes announced in the 2006 Budget?**
- (b) When was PM&C first made aware of those proposals?**
- (c) When was the Prime Minister first made aware of those proposals?**
- (d) Were those proposals discussed in Cabinet?**
- (e) Can the Department confirm that the Prime Minister stands to gain significantly from those changes?**
- (f) Can the Department confirm a recent media report which states that the Prime Minister would gain \$370,000 if he retires on 30 June 2006, directly as a result of the proposed changes?**
- (g) Can PM&C confirm that the Prime Minister, Treasurer and every other member of Cabinet stand to personally gain from the proposed super changes announced in the Budget?**
- (h) When was the Department first made aware that the changes would benefit the Prime Minister?**
- (i) Has the Department briefed the Prime Minister on the benefit he might personally gain as a result of the proposed superannuation changes? If so when?**

Answer:

- (a) PM&C involvement in the development of 2006-07 Budget measures was the same as for previous budgets.
- (b) As for 32 (a).
- (c) As for 32 (a).
- (d) As for 32 (a).
- (e) No.
- (f) No.
- (g) No. Responsibility for parliamentary entitlements rests with the Department of Finance and Administration.
- (h) As for 32 (e).
- (i) No.