

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 5

Outcome 1, Output 3.1

Topic: UN Oil-For-Food Programme investigation

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Senator Evans asked: That is a different answer. When you say that, are you speaking on behalf of Prime Minister and Cabinet or are you saying that as Duncan Lewis the individual? Was PM&C provided with information as to the sort of documents or a list of the documents that were supplied to the Cole commission by the Prime Minister's office?

Mr Lewis—That is not something that I can answer. I do not know.

Senator CHRIS EVANS—Perhaps you might take that on notice for me.

Answer: The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet was provided with a copy of the documents supplied to the inquiry by the Prime Minister's Office. The department was provided with these documents after they had been supplied to the inquiry by the Prime Minister's Office.