

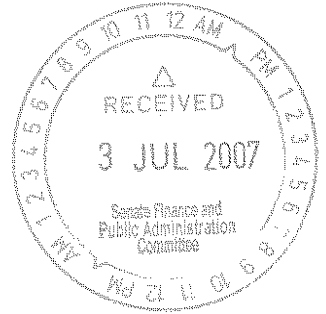
**Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio**

**Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet**

**Budget Estimates Hearings 2007-2008, 21-22 May 2007**



**Question: PM 13**

**Outcome 1, Output 4.3**

**Topic: Resignation of former Senator Santoro**

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**Senator Faulkner asked: Why did the Prime Minister accept only Senator Santoro's resignation from the ministry?**

**Answer:** The Prime Minister recommended to the Governor-General the acceptance of Senator Santoro's resignation as Minister for Ageing, but, in line with historical precedent, did not recommend that Senator Santoro's membership of the Federal Executive Council be revoked.