

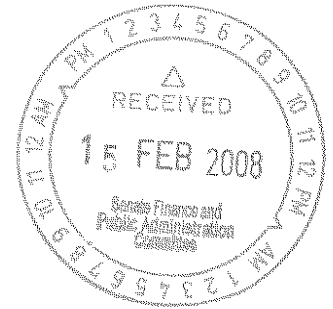
Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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**Senator Faulkner asked: Did Senator Vanstone's appointment go to Cabinet?
Isn't it right that some of these diplomatic appointments do and some don't?**

Answer: The proposed appointment of Senator Vanstone as Australia's Ambassador to Italy was not considered by the Cabinet. None of the other fifteen Heads of Mission appointments approved by the former Howard Government in 2007 went to Cabinet.