

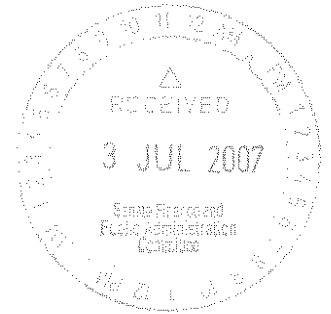
Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

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 98

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Topic: State Coach Britannia

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Senator Evans asked: 1. Is the Department providing any assistance to Mr Frecklington in his ongoing search for items to include on the coach? If yes, what is the nature of the assistance that is being provided?.

2. Has Mr Frecklington submitted any further lists of costs incurred to the Department since he received the \$245,548 payment in December 2006? If so, can these lists be provided?

3. Has the Department made any further payment to Mr Frecklington since it paid him \$245,548 in December 2006? Can a full list of all additional payment made since that time, including what the payments were for.

4. Has Mr Frecklington written to the Prime Minister, anyone else in the Government or the Department to request additional financial assistance on top of the \$350,000 funding 'envelope'? If so, when?

5. Has the Government made any decision about providing further funding to Mr Frecklington? If so, how much additional funding will be provided?

6. Has Mr Frecklington provided any advice to the Department on when the coach will be finally be completed and ready to ship to the United Kingdom? What advice has he provided? When will the coach finally be ready to ship to the United Kingdom?

7. Has the Department itself received any quotes for the cost of shipping the coach to the United Kingdom? If so, can copies of these quotes be provided?

8. Has Mr Frecklington provided any quotes to the Department for the cost of shipping the coach to the United Kingdom? If so, can copies of these quotes be provided?

Answer:

1. No, N/A.

2. No, N/A.

3. No, N/A.

4. No, N/A.

5. No, N/A.

6. No, N/A, not known.

7. No, N/A.

8. No, N/A.