

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 Hearing 26 May - 27 May 2008**



Question: PM102a

Outcome 1, Output 5.7

Topic: 2020 Summit – Background papers

Hansard Page: Written Question

Senator Fifield asked: Can you outline the process by which the background papers for the summit were drafted?

Answer: The Department was not involved in the drafting of background papers. This task was managed and undertaken by staff employed by the Office of the Summit co-convenor, Professor Glyn Davis AC.

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Question: PM102b

Outcome 1, Output 5.7

Topic: Background papers for 2020 Summit

Hansard Page: Written Question

Senator Fifield asked: Who drafted the papers?

Answer: Drafting of background papers was managed by staff employed by the Office of the Summit co-convenor, Professor Glyn Davis AC.

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Question: PM102c

Outcome 1, Output 5.7

Topic: Ministerial input to background papers for 2020 Summit

Hansard Page: Written Question

Senator Fifield asked: Was there Ministerial input?

Answer: The Department was not involved in the drafting of background papers. We understand that the papers were developed in consultation with the Summit stream co-chairs.

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Question: PM102d

Outcome 1, Output 5.7

Topic: Were background papers for 2020 Summit vetted by Ministers or their offices

Hansard Page: Written Question

Senator Fifield asked: Were the papers vetted by Ministers or their offices?

Answer: The papers were developed in consultation with the Summit stream co-chairs.

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Question: PM102e

Outcome 1, Output 5.7

Topic: Changes requested by Ministers or their staff regarding background papers

Hansard Page: Written Question

Senator Fifield asked: What changes, if any, did Ministers or their staff request in respect of the background papers before they were published?

Answer: The Department was not involved in the drafting of background papers. This task was managed by staff employed by the Office of the Summit co-convenor, Professor Glyn Davis AC. We are not aware of any changes requested by Ministers or their staff.