

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: PM111a

Outcome 1, Output 5.1

Topic: PM's meetings with Ministers

Hansard Page: Written Question

Senator Fifield asked: In Budget Estimates, Senator Faulkner indicated that he had a meeting with the Prime Minister and that 'It has been recorded by formal minutes going to the issue of the Prime Minister's expectations of me in relation to the benchmarks of my performance? I do know the Prime Minister has sat down with each and every one of his ministers and undertaken a similar process.'

' Please provide a list detailing the date of each of Mr Rudd's meetings with each and every one of his ministers'

Answer: Please refer to the answer to Question on Notice PM23.

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Question: PM111b

Outcome 1, Output 5.1

Topic: Which charter meetings were minuted

Hansard Page: Written Question

Senator Fifield asked: Which of these meetings were minuted?

Answer: Please refer to the answer to Question on Notice PM8.

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Question: PM111c

Outcome 1, Output 5.1

Topic: Charter meeting minutes

Hansard Page: Written Question

Senator Fifield asked: Who holds the minutes of these meetings?

Answer: Please refer to the answer to Question on Notice PM8.

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Question: PM111d

Outcome 1, Output 5.1

Topic:

Hansard Page: Written Question

Senator Fifield asked: Please provide a copy of the minutes of each of these meetings

Answer: Please refer to the answer to Question on Notice PM8.

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Question: PM111e

Outcome 1, Output 5.1

Topic: Release of charter meeting minutes

Hansard Page: Written Question

Senator Fifield asked: If the Department refuses to release copies of the minutes, please state the reasons why the Department refuses to release these minutes and whether any advice was sought from any Minister or their office in relation to releasing the minutes and the nature of such advice

Answer: Please refer to the answer to Question on Notice PM8.

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Question: PM111f

Outcome 1, Output 5.1

Topic: List of performance benchmarks set for each Minister

Hansard Page: Written Question

Senator Fifield asked: Please provide a list for each and every Minister of the performance benchmarks set for them by the Prime Minister

Answer: Please refer to the answer to Question on Notice PM111g

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Question: PM111g

Outcome 1, Output 5.1

Topic: Releasing minutes of charter meetings

Hansard Page: Written Question

Senator Fifield asked: If the Department refuses to release the performance benchmarks, please state the reasons why the Department refuses to release the performance benchmarks and whether any advice was sought from any Minister or their office in relation to releasing the performance benchmarks and the nature of such advice

Answer: The context in which the Prime Minister set performance benchmarks for his Ministers is described in the response to Question on Notice PM 8. How that performance is assessed, and the details of that assessment, are matters for the Prime Minister. The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet is unable to provide advice on this question.