

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: PM112a

Outcome 1, Output 5.1

Topic: Charter Letters – Prime Minister’s second set of meetings with Ministers

Hansard Page: Written Question

Senator Fifield asked: During Budget Estimates, Senator Faulkner said that the Prime Minister would hold a second set of meetings with ministers starting in July to assess whether they had met the requirements set for them at their first meeting.

Please provide a list indicating when each minister will participate in these meetings

Answer: The Prime Minister has ongoing discussions with Ministers about the Government’s priorities and reform agenda.

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Question: PM112b

Outcome 1, Output 5.1

Topic: Details of the assessments made in relation to performance benchmarks

Hansard Page: Written Question

Senator Fifield asked: Please provide details of the assessments made in relation to how ministers have performed against the benchmarks set for them

Answer: refer to the answer to Question on Notice PM111g

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Question: PM112c

Outcome 1, Output 5.1

Topic: Performance benchmark assessments for Ministers

Hansard Page: Written Question

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

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