

Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Topic: ABC FOI request on new workplace relations laws

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Senator Ronaldson asked: So why did the Government refuse the ABC FOI request for Treasury advice on the inflationary pressures of the Government's new workplace relations laws?

Answer: The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C) has no direct knowledge of the ABC's freedom of information (FOI) request or the Department of the Treasury (Treasury) response. The Senator may wish to raise this question directly with Treasury.

PM&C refers to the Proof Committee Hansard of the Senate Standing Committee on Economics Budget Estimates hearings of 4 June 2008, from page E 46 to page E 51. The Hansard records a number of questions from the Committee regarding the ABC's FOI request, and the answers given by Treasury.