

**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: PM145**

**Outcome 1, Output 1**

**Topic: Role of Mr Epstein in the non-disclosure of Treasury advice relating to the Government's new workplace relations laws**

**Hansard Page: Written Question**

**Senator Ronaldson asked: Is it because the FOI process is supposed to be carried out within the Dept and at arms length from a Minister and his/her office - it may even be illegal for Mr Epstein to be involved in the process?**

**Answer: The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C) refers to its response to Question PM139.**