

**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: PM159a**

**Topic: Prime Minister's Office Staff List**

**Hansard Page: Written Question**

**Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked: Please confirm that the document referred to at the hearing 26-28 May and entitled Prime Minister's Office Staff List as at 18 March 2008 was prepared, distributed or otherwise sanctioned by the Prime Minister or a member of his staff.**

**Answer: The department cannot confirm the veracity of this unsourced document.**

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**Question: PM159b**

**Topic: Prime Minister's Office Staff**

**Hansard Page: Written Question**

**Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked: I refer to questions raised during the appearance of MAPS on 28 May 2008 and the indication by Senator Faulkner that such questions ought to have been directed to PM&C. In so far as is required, I repeat those questions to PM&C.**

**Answer: It is not possible to identify the information sought by Senator Fierravanti-Wells from this written question.**

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**Question: PM159c**

**Topic: Prime Minister's travelling assistant**

**Hansard Page: Written Question**

**Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked: Further to evidence given during the hearing 26-28 May, please provide additional details of the Prime Minister's travelling assistant referred to on the Prime Minister's Office Staff List as at 18 March 2008 (referred to by Senator Faulkner as an executive assistant) including a full outline of his duties and who is responsible for determining his duties from day to day.**

**Answer: The Prime Minister's Executive Assistant provides assistance with paperflow management, gifts and invitations. His duties are determined by the Prime Minister's Chief of Staff.**