

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

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Question: PM17

Outcome 1, Output 3

Topic: Change to processes to ensure rendition of an Australian citizen to another country where they might face torture won't occur again

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Senator Nettle asked: -The official said that he had no record of anything occurring after that meeting. I now want to ask about whether there has been any change. Maybe you can help, Minister, as to whether there has been any change to processes to ensure that that would not occur again?

Senator Faulkner-Senator, I am a minister representing the Prime Minister at this hearing, and I think these issues are a very long way outside my own area of ministerial responsibility. So I certainly would be in no position to do anything other than to take such a question on notice. I cannot personally assist you on this; however, I make the point that you might well be surprised if I could, in the circumstances. But I have indicated to you that I think the official is trying to assist you by taking the questions on notice...

Answer: as per Question PM16.