

Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Senator Kemp asked: -Senator Faulkner, I think the message that you should give to the Prime Minister's office is that all Senate committees are acutely aware of this issue and we will continue to pursue them. The sooner they provide these lists the better. The second issue I want to tackle-and I think you did give a promise and I congratulate you on that-is a list of the promises that come within your own department. Can we have that list tabled?

Senator Faulkner-I said I would do what I can and I have done what I can. That is all I am able to provide at this stage. All those you have directed your comments to, including me, have no doubt taken note of what you have requested. If there is further and better information that can be provided-

Senator KEMP-Do you mean to say, Senator Faulkner, that the man who rampaged over Senate estimates for 11 years, demanding this and demanding that-and generally receiving it, I might say-is unable to provide to the committee a list of the government's election promises that his own department is administering?

Senator Faulkner-I am not saying that. What I have said to you is that I do not have that available-

Senator KEMP-Can you get it?

Senator Faulkner-I will take that question on notice.

Answer: As indicated in previous answers on this issue (answer to Questions on Notice 153 to 188 of 12 February 2008), the election commitments made by Federal Labor are on the public record. Those measures implementing commitments that are funded through Budget appropriations are detailed in Departments' Portfolio Budget Statements.