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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Senator Ronaldson asked: Were documents distributed from the CabNet system for [the first Cabinet] meeting?

Senator Faulkner-I will ask Dr Southern to respond to you.

Dr Southern-I would have to double-check that. We certainly used CabNet to administer the documents, but I think we used a combination of both electronic and hand delivery to get the documents around, because I suspect by that stage we did not have CabNet terminals up and running in all ministers' offices. I can double-check that.

Answer:

Some papers for the first Cabinet meeting were printed from CABNET by the Cabinet Secretariat and distributed in hard copy, by hand, to ministers. The remaining papers were made available to ministers in the Cabinet room.