

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: PM50

Outcome 1, Output 5 - Support Services for Government Operations

Topic: Access to CabNet

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Senator Ronaldson asked: Prior to 6 December, how many people who had received documentation had lodged those forms?

Dr Southern-I would have to take that on notice, but the documents themselves are directed to ministers.

Answer:

As of 6 December 2007, the Cabinet Secretariat had approved CABNET access for ten staff in ministers' offices. All either held a current security clearance or had been granted an interim clearance or waiver by the relevant agency security adviser after the necessary security clearance paperwork had been lodged. The ten staff includes departmental officers who were assisting in ministers' offices during the transition period.