

Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Question: PM51

Outcome 1, Output 5 – Support Services for Government Operations

Topic: Ministerial staff access to CabNet

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Senator Ronaldson asked: What ministerial offices are yet to have a staffer granted access to CabNet?

Dr Southern-I would have to take that on notice.

Senator RONALDSON-You are unaware whether all offices have or whether there are some offices who have not?

Dr Southern-I believe there may be one or two parliamentary secretaries' offices who are yet to get their CabNet access. I believe all ministers' offices have it now have it but I would have to double-check.

Answer:

One non-Cabinet Minister's office and four parliamentary secretaries' offices have not yet had staff with an appropriate security clearance lodge an application for access to CABNET.