

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: PM63

Outcome 1, Output 5.1

Topic: Copies of charter letters

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Senator Fifield asked: -Who would hold a copy? We assume that the recipient of a charter letter would have a copy of the letter or a copy of the charter minute, but one would think that there would also be a copy held somewhere in your domain as the minister responsible for probity, accountability and integrity issues and as Cabinet Secretary.

Senator Faulkner-I do not hold any such copies and I indicated yesterday what the status of any such copies was-

Senator FIFIELD-Perhaps not in your personal office but within your administration.

Senator Faulkner-If you wish, I can check with officials whether the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet holds any such documentation.

Senator FIFIELD-I would appreciate that-as I said, within your jurisdiction, which includes your office, the portfolio agencies-

Answer: Please refer to the answer to Question on Notice PM8.