

Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Question: PM65

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Topic: Senator Sherry's charter document

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Senator Fifield asked: -Are you also taking on notice my questions in relation to Senator Sherry's charter document or are you going to endeavour to come back to the committee at some point tonight?

Senator Faulkner-I have explained to this committee my understanding of what the circumstances are-

Senator FIFIELD-But you said you were going to consult with officials in relation to the status of the document that Senator Sherry referred to in the other estimates committee and whether your agencies held a copy. That is what you said, Senator Faulkner-that you were going to consult with officials. I assume that, if you are going to consult with officials, you will come back with an answer either on notice or, if you get it today-

Senator Faulkner-If I am able to provide any information for you on that matter I will take it on notice, and I will try and do this in a way that takes account of the fact that at another committee Senator Sherry has provided information in the way that you have reflected here.

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