

Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Question: PM66

Outcome 1, Output 5.1

Topic: Copy of charter letter

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Senator Watson asked: -I am lost. Can we have a copy of some such letter? Can you table your letter?...

Senator Faulkner-What I will do for you is have a look at the letter and see if it is appropriate for tabling before the committee. If it is, I will do so. I will make my best endeavours to do so, but I do not know whether there is content in that which would be inappropriate to table. I would also before I tabled it-and I think you would appreciate this-even if I thought it was appropriate to table, check with the Prime Minister as to whether he believed it was appropriate for me to do so.

Senator WATSON-There is a lot of confusion out there.

Senator Faulkner-With those not insubstantial caveats, I am certainly happy to take that on notice.

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