

**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: PM7**

**Outcome 1, Output 5.2**

**Topic: Ms McKew's responsibilities**

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**Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked: I would like to know precisely what Ms McKew does and what responsibilities she has in this glorified title of Parliamentary Secretary for Early Childhood Education and Childcare. Does she answer to the Prime Minister, or does she answer to some other minister? And please point me precisely to what she actually does in either administrative arrangements or in those portfolio responsibilities.**

**Senator Faulkner-Senator, if I can assist you any further by taking it on notice, I will certainly take it on notice.**

**Answer: Ms McKew assists the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Education, Employment and Workplace Relations and Social Inclusion, the Hon Julia Gillard MP, in developing new directions for childcare and early childhood education.**

**Ms McKew works with the Department of Education, Employment, and Workplace Relations and reports to the Prime Minister through Ms Gillard.**