

**Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio**

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**Question: PM71**

**Topic: Company owned by Ms Rein**

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**Senator Watson asked: -Earlier before dinner there was a lot of debate about whether a company owned by Ms Rein was active or inactive in terms of the requirement for registration. I submit that that is one line of approach, but I would have thought another way of looking at it would be whether the company had assets and liabilities-assets that could be discharged or realised or liabilities that could be discharged. I would have thought that was the real determinant as to whether registration was required for the purposes of the pecuniary interest. Maybe you might like to take that on notice.**

**Senator Faulkner-Senator, you raised this with me informally before the commencement of the hearings and I indicated to you that I would take the question on notice. I do so.**

**Senator WATSON-Thank you.**

**Answer: Please refer to the relevant House of Representatives resolution for guidance. Compliance with the resolution by Members of the House of Representatives is a matter for the House of Representatives.**