

**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: PM86**

**Outcome 1, Output 5.7**

**Topic: Details of meetings attended by Annie O'Rourke, Fiona Sugden and Lachlan Harris**

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**Senator Ronaldson asked: -Thank you. Can you take on notice, please, the details of any meetings that Annie O'Rourke from the PMO attended from the date of the announcement and through the relevant period that we are talking about, at least to 3 March when the contract was signed? You are already going to find out for me who it was from the PMO who attended this meeting where the recommendation was made. If that is a different person then you will advise me accordingly?**

**Mr Mrdak-I will check that...**

**Senator RONALDSON-A pretty strong recommendation, as we know. When I asked you before about a Ms Annie O'Rourke and the meetings that she attended you said you would take that on notice. Can you also add to that list in the same time frame-so just add to the answer-the names Fiona Sugden and Lachlan Harris. So, along with Annie O'Rourke and the meetings that I asked you to identify that she was at, can you also for those same meetings add the names Lachlan Harris and Fiona Sugden.**

**Answer: Department records indicate Ms Annie O'Rourke attended six of seven meetings of the *Australia 2020* Summit Working Group between 11 February and 14 March 2008.**

Department records indicate Ms Fiona Sugden attended a meeting of the *Australia 2020* Summit Working Group on 27 February 2008. Department records indicate Mr Lachlan Harris did not attend any meetings of the *Australia 2020* Summit Working Group.