

**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**

**Budget Estimates Hearing 26 May - 27 May 2008**



**Question: PM87**

**Outcome 1, Output 5.7**

**Topic: Prime Minister's Chief of Staff contact with the Deputy Prime Minister regarding the staffing committee**

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**Senator Ronaldson asked: -So you have spoken to her. Who was the third player in this matter? Was it the PMO? Have you spoken to anyone in the PMO about this staff-**

**Senator Faulkner-The third player, as you describe them in this matter, if you mean the other member of the staffing committee, is the Prime Minister's Chief of Staff. I do not know whether the Prime Minister's Chief of Staff has had any contact with the Deputy Prime Minister on this matter. I simply do not know that. But, if you would like me to, I will take it on notice and try to establish that for you.**

**Answer: The Prime Minister's Office has been involved in discussions with Senator Faulkner and the Deputy Prime Minister on these matters.**