

## Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

### ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

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Finance and Deregulation Portfolio

#### Outcome 2, Program 2.3

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Senator Kroger asked:

**Senator KROGER**—Thank you very much. With the appointment of Dr Allan Hawke, when he was commissioned to conduct the review, on what basis was that commission given and what support was he offered in asking him to undertake that job?

**Mr Grant**—You will have to ask the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet that because they actually took the lead in the review and provided the secretariat support. I might add that I had one junior officer who was in that secretariat support but very much providing legs and hands, not policy advice.

**Senator KROGER**—Okay. I will come back to that.

**Senator JACINTA COLLINS**—Mr Grant, you understand that we are revisiting estimates here. Could you perhaps instead, to benefit the committee, take it on notice and talk to PM&C to see if you can adequately deal with Senator Kroger's question?

**Mr Grant**—I can do that. I will take it on notice.

**Answer:**

The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet has advised that:

Dr Hawke was commissioned by the Government in January 2010 to undertake the review on the basis of the terms of reference which are set out in Dr Hawke's report of the Independent Review of Government Advertising Arrangements. Dr Hawke was provided with administrative and research support by a small secretariat in the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, comprising three officers, two on a full time basis, including one officer from the Department of Finance and Deregulation.