

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

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**Question: PM47**

**Topic: Health Reform - Department of Health and Ageing - Secretary's comments**

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**Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS-I am aware of that, Dr Grimes, because in answers to questions in estimates Ms Halton, who is secretary of the health department, admitted that, indeed, there was not a plan and indeed there was not even the back of an envelope plan for health reform. Might I invite you, Dr Grimes, to go and have a look at Ms Halton's comments of 10 February, and if you wish to add anything further to your answer please do so.**

**Answer:**

The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet has reviewed the comments made by the Secretary of the Department of Health and Ageing on 10 February 2010, and the Department of Health and Ageing's written response to question on notice E10-145, and has no further comments.