

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

Budget Estimates Hearing 24 May-3rd June 2010

Question: PM58

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Senator LUDLAM-As a participant in all the committees, I can assure you that it was not the committee work that held things up. We will move on. Can you point to where in the portfolio budget statements the funding appropriation for this office is?

Mr Sheehan-My understanding is that it does not appear within the PBS but that the money is within the forward estimates and that funding of \$1.36 million over four years was allocated in the last budget to fund the establishment of the office of the monitor.

Senator LUDLAM-If it is not in this PBS, do I find it in the Attorney-General's Department PBS? Where is that money? It must be on somebody's balance sheet somewhere.

Mr Sheehan-I would have to take the question on notice to get further detail on that. I understand it is in our forward estimates, but I have no further detail.

Answer:

The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C) was provided with additional funding in the 2009-10 Budget for the Independent National Security Legislation Monitor as stated on page 25 of the 2009-10 Portfolio Budget Statements and Budget Paper No. 2 (2009-10: \$336,000 indexed for the forward years).

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This funding is included in PM&C's departmental baseline as below.

| | 2009-10 | 2010-11 | 2011-12 | 2012-13 |
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| | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 |
| National Security Legislation Monitor | 336 | 339 | 342 | 344 |