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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

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Mr Sheehan-This was clarifying a final statement from Mr Ludlum before he left on the final question.

CHAIR-As he has already left the room, would you put that on notice?

Mr Sheehan-Certainly.

Answer:

The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C) has had since 2009, officers from the National Security and International Policy Group working to support the establishment of the Independent National Security Legislation Monitor. PM&C has staff ready to support the Monitor as soon as he or she commences in the position. The staff will assist the Monitor in undertaking annual reviews and any other tasks of the Monitor's instigation or as requested by the Prime Minister.