

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Topic: Community Cabinet meetings - officials in attendance

Senator: Fifield

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Question:

Senator FIFIELD: How many officials do attend?

Mr Sterland: Can I take that on notice?

Senator FIFIELD: Yes.

Mr Sterland: There is a PMandC contingent operating the event, assisting with security et cetera and servicing the ministers. The relevant ministers bring an official along to assist them in taking notes and that sort of thing for the one-on-one meetings. I can take it on notice.

Answer:

The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C) sends 20 officials to facilitate the running of each Community Cabinet meeting. PM&C officials set up the venue, manage the event and pack up the venue at the conclusion of the evening.

Officials from other departments attend at the discretion of their respective departmental secretary.