

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

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**Senator:** Senator Ryan

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**Question:**

Ms Noble: The PM has indicated publicly that a national security statement will be delivered this year and, yes, the department is starting preliminary work.

Senator RYAN: Do we have an idea of when it will be delivered?

Senator RYAN: Will it be delivered to parliament, as promised by the former Prime Minister, or is it planned to be a speech of some variety not to the House?

Ms Noble: I do not think that has been determined yet, but we can take that on notice to see if we can get you a more definitive answer.

**Answer:**

A National Security Statement will be delivered in late 2012. Its exact timing and the forum for its delivery is yet to be determined.