

**Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio**

**Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet**

**Supplementary Budget Estimates 20 - 23 Oct 2008**



**Question: PM12**

**Outcome 1, Output 2**

**Topic: Medicare Levy Surcharge**

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**Senator Cormann asked:...can I ask as a question on notice whether any PM&C official has participated in meetings with state and territory government officials at which the issue of flow-on implications for state and territory public hospitals was raised and any requirement for additional funding to compensate for the impact of the Medicare levy surcharge measure.**

**Senator Faulkner-I will certainly take the question on notice for you. Whether we will be able to provide a very fulsome answer, I simply do not know. I have outlined to you some of the constraints under which we operate but I will certainly see what can be done to provide a response to that question on notice for you.**

**Answer:**

Since our previous answer to Senator Cormann's question on notice to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM30) during the Budget Estimates in May 2008, to the best of our knowledge no PM&C official has participated in such meetings.