

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

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Topic: Which Departments had input into financial stimulus package

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Senator Ronaldson asked: Will you take this on notice, Minister. Which departments actually had input into this financial stimulus package? I am interested to know, for example, whether Minister Plibersek's department in relation to housing had any input to this. Why would you be pleading a change of system when it is quite clear that this is probably the most serious public policy decision that has been made for some period of time? And you are prevaricating about which departments actually had some input. I thought you would be bragging about the fact that a huge range of departments had input into this, rather than prevaricating and trying to avoid what is a very serious question.

Senator Faulkner-I am happy to take the question on notice, but I have indicated, Chair, to Senator Ronaldson that the change of approach that has been outlined in detail and earlier, while Senator Ronaldson was outside the room, in answer to questions-

Answer:

The following central agencies and implementing departments provided input for the development of the \$10.4 billion Economic Security Strategy:

- **The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet**
- **The Department of the Treasury**
- **The Department of Finance and Deregulation**
- **The Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs**
- **The Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations.**