

**Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration**

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

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**Senator Abetz asked:**

Will [the Christmas card of a Minister] have on it 'paid for by the Australian government' or do the [printing entitlement] rules that apply to me and other senators on this committee not apply to you?

Mr Tune, can you indicate to us whether the regulations apply to ministerial Christmas cards or not?

**Answer:**

All Christmas cards produced by a Senator or Member under the printing and communications entitlement, including those produced by a Minister, must include the statement:

*This material has been produced at Australian Government expense by [insert name of Senator or Member].*

Any Christmas cards produced by a Minister, either personally or from a source other than the printing and communications entitlement, are not required to include this statement.