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Senator RYAN-I would appreciate if it were possible for you to take on notice the notice you have provided for each of the community cabinet meetings, the date it was provided and to whom. By that I am referring to the date the advertisement was provided, whether or not there was any local mail about the upcoming meeting and the date it was provided to any other parties-including sitting members-for each of the community cabinets. And we have just heard that your department advises Labor duty senators of community cabinets.

[...]

Senator RYAN—Only what the department puts out—to whom and the date for each of the community cabinet meetings. Is that possible?

Answer: The PM&C Community Cabinet Secretariat places advertisements for Community Cabinet meetings in newspapers one to two weeks prior to opening registration for a meeting. To encourage local attendance, advertisements are placed most often in local area community newspapers, as opposed to metropolitan or national newspapers. A list of publications (and corresponding dates) in which advertisements were placed for all Community Cabinet meetings up to, and including, Bathurst is at [Attachment 1](#).