

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

Supplementary Budget Estimates 18-21 October 2010

Question: PM11

Asked By: Senator Fifield

Topic: Cabinet Seating Plan

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Senator FIFIELD-Could I ask if a copy of the cabinet seating plan could be tabled?

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Senator FIFIELD-Mr Duncan, could you take it on notice. I would be amazed if there was not a seating plan for cabinet.

CHAIR-I am not sure whether there is a seating plan for estimates, but I look across and I see people sitting in similar chairs to those they had last time.

Mr Lewis-If there is such a thing we will make it available to you.

Senator Chris Evans-We are not trying to be unhelpful but we will take it on notice.

Answer: As requested please find attached an outline of the seating arrangements in the Cabinet Room.

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The Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister are seated in the middle of the Western Side of the table.

Western Side of Table	Eastern Side of Table
Minister for Immigration and Citizenship	Attorney-General
Minister for Foreign Affairs	Minister for School Education, Early Childhood and Youth
Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	Minister for Health and Ageing
Minister for Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government	Minister for Defence
Cabinet Secretary	Minister for Tertiary Education, Skills, Jobs and Workplace Relations
Minister for Finance and Deregulation	Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy
Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	Minister for Infrastructure and Transport
Minister for Trade	Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities
	Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research
	Minister for Resources and Energy
	Minister for Climate Change and Energy Efficiency