

**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: PM113**

**Asked By: Senator Abetz**

**Topic: Electoral Reports**

**Type of Question: Written**

**Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 3 December 2010**

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- a) Are there plans to publish a full suite of electoral reports on the Department's website? If not, why not? If so, when? What data will be included?**
- b) Did the Department prepare electorate level reports for the Government Ministers for the 2010 election? What data is included in these reports? How often is this updated? Why is this material not publicly available? Please provide copy of latest reports.**
- c) Has electoral specific data been used by the current Government in any grants scheme since November 2007?**

**Answer:**

- a) Electorate briefs are prepared for use by the Prime Minister on an 'as required' basis. There is no intention to publish them as they are prepared for the personal use of the Prime Minister as she visits an electorate.
- b) The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C) did not prepare any electorate briefs in the period from the commencement of the caretaker period on 19 July to the 2010 election on 21 August.
- c) For grants administered by PM&C, no.