

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

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**Question: PM17**

**Asked By: Senator Abetz**

**Topic: Agreement with Greens - legal status**

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**Senator ABETZ-That may well be your wish; but does this document have any legal basis or is it just political?**

**Senator Chris Evans-I would have to take that on notice, in terms of taking advice as to what legal status it has, but it is a public document of an agreement between two political parties, signed by their leaders.**

**Senator ABETZ-I assume it is not legally enforceable?**

**Senator Chris Evans-I would have to take some advice on that.**

**Answer:**

The answer to the Honourable Senator's question is that the agreement does not create legal relations between the parties to it. The agreement is one between two political parties.