

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio**

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**Supplementary Budget Estimates 18-21 October 2010**

**Question: PM20**

**Asked By: Senator Fifield**

**Topic: Office of Dr Dreyfus at 4 Treasury Place, Melbourne**

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**Mr Sterland-My advice is that the Cabinet suite at Treasury Place is on level 1, which is a PM&C tenancy from the landlord, who is the Commonwealth, of course. That level includes accommodation for the Prime Minister's office. It also includes the Cabinet suites and the offices for two former governors-general. The area that we have that Mr Dreyfus has occasionally used is within that part of the tenancy, so it is not an office allocated in that sense; it is an office he uses for the purpose of conducting Cabinet business.**

**...**

**Senator FIFIELD-Does he have an entitlement to use that office at will, as of right, as his designated and allocated office?**

**Mr Sterland-I am not personally across parliamentary entitlements, but he uses it purely for the basis of Cabinet business.**

**Senator FIFIELD-Sure. I am just trying to establish that-because you said it was not a dedicated office for him yet his name appears on the board of building occupants. So I am just trying to ascertain whether this is an entitlement or an office in addition to that which is enjoyed by other parliamentary secretaries.**

**Mr Sterland-We will take that specific basis on notice.**

**...**

**Senator Chris Evans-I think it would be better if he got the exact answer. You are asking a question of entitlement-what is he entitled to access and use, et**

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**cetera, and what arrangement is put in place. We will get you a proper answer to that question. I suspect it is evolving. I suspect the answer is that he has just been using it because he needed somewhere to sit to do what he needs to do. We probably have not got to the technicalities yet, but we will get you the answer. It will probably prompt someone to actually ask the question.**

**Answer:**

Please see response to PM12.