

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: PM70

Asked By: Senator Kroger

Topic: Briefings (weekly reports) for PM

Type of Question: Written

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- a) Senator Ronaldson addressed at budget estimates in May the issue of special briefings for the Prime Minister which were also answered in question on notice “PM12 OCO”.**
- b) Please advise how many agencies / departments have managed to meet the weekly deadline (FRI 5pm) since February 2008?**
- c) How many agencies / departments have failed to meet weekly deadline (FRI 5pm) since February 2008?**
- d) How many staff analyse those reports?**
- e) Is this practise still in place for PM Gillard? If not, when did it stop?**

Answer:

- a) N/A
- b) Portfolio departments routinely provide input to the Significant Events – Rolling Weekly Report. It is up to individual departments to decide what input, if any, they provide each week on behalf of their department and portfolio agencies. All departments and agencies that have input to provide usually do so by the Friday, 5pm deadline.
- c) See response to part (b). Records are not kept of agencies that do not provide input in a particular week.

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- d) The weekly report is collated from the input provided, checked and proof read. It is also sent to senior executive officers in the department who may forward it to other officers if required. Two PM&C staff are involved in the preparation of the report.
- e) Yes.