

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: PM97

Asked By: Senator Abetz

Topic: Ministerial Submissions

Type of Question: Written

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- a) **Did the Government, Minister or his office return any documents to the Department once the caretaker conventions began?**
- b) **Did these documents include Ministerial submissions, briefs or notes?**
- c) **How many unread, unsigned or undealt with Ministerial submissions, briefs or notes were sent back?**
- d) **What was the date of the earliest such document that was sent back from the Minister's office and the date of the last?**
- e) **Did the Minister or his office request prior to the calling of the election that no more submissions, briefs or notes be sent?**

Answer:

- a) Yes, documents were returned from the offices of:
 - the Prime Minister (the Hon Julia Gillard MP),
 - the Cabinet Secretary (Senator the Hon Joe Ludwig),
 - the Minister for Social Inclusion (the Hon Simon Crean MP), and
 - the Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister (the Hon Anthony Byrne MP).
- b) Yes

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c) and d)

Ministerial Office	Number of items sent back	Submission date of the earliest item returned	Submission date of the latest item returned
Prime Minister	32	1 Jul 2010	19 Jul 2010
Cabinet Secretary	4	18 Mar 2010	21 Jun 2010
Minister for Social Inclusion	5	1 Jul 2010	12 Jul 2010
Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister	2	14 Sept 2009	29 Sept 2009

e) No