

Senate Finance and Public Administration Standing Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES HEARINGS

PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET PORTFOLIO

Department/Agency: Department of Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government

Outcome: 1

Topic: Prime Minister's Role in the new Department

Senator: MACDONALD

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Senator IAN MACDONALD—So what part will the Prime Minister play in the oversight of this department, as you have just mentioned?

Senator Sherry—Well, the officers may be able to explain or may want to go to any administrative arrangements that to date have been entered into between the minister—in this case, Mr Crean—and the Prime Minister's office. Beyond that, I will take on notice your question to the minister, Mr Crean. But the officers may have something to add on the arrangements between the department and PM&C.

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Answer:

The Hon Simon Crean MP is sworn to administer the Department of Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government, and is responsible for the day to day administration of the department.