

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: Parliamentary Secretary

Senator: MACDONALD

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Senator IAN MACDONALD—Why was there no parliamentary secretary appointed to this department as there was previously?

Senator Sherry—Firstly, it is a matter for the Prime Minister. Secondly, if it is a matter for the Prime Minister, as much as I can take that on notice and Minister Crean can provide a response, I will, but it would be a matter for the PM&C estimates, not for Minister Crean's estimates. But I will take it on notice and see if he can add anything.

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Answer:

The Prime Minister is responsible for decisions in relation to ministerial and parliamentary secretary arrangements.