

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: Ministerial Submissions

Senator: ABETZ

Question reference number: 47

Type of question: Written, Tuesday 19 October 2010

Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 3 December 2010

- 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?

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Answer:

The Department of Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government was established on 14 September 2010 and did not exist during the period when caretaker conventions were in place.