

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: Post Election Briefing

Senator: FIELDING

Question reference number: 84

Type of question: Written, Tuesday 19 October 2010

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

- a) Did the department prepare a post-election brief for a returned Labor Government (the so-called 'Red Book')?
- b) Can the department provide the committee with a copy of this brief?
- c) If not, can the department outline its reasons for refusing to provide a copy of this brief?
- d) If the department will not provide a copy of this brief because it contains confidential or sensitive information, can the department provide a redacted copy of this brief as was done by the Treasury Department?
- e) Has the Minister given any instructions to the department regarding the release of this brief and if so, what were these instructions?
- f) Did the department prepare a post-election brief for a newly elected Coalition Government (the 'Blue Book')?
- g) Can the department provide the committee with a copy of this brief?
- h) If not, can the department outline its reasons for refusing to provide a copy of this brief?
- i) If the department will not provide a copy of this brief because it contains confidential or sensitive information, can the department provide a redacted copy of this brief as was done by the Treasury Department?
- j) Has the Minister given any instructions to the department regarding the release of this brief and if so, what were these instructions?

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Answer:

- a)-j) Not applicable. No incoming government briefs were prepared as the Department of Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government was established on 14 September 2010.