

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Senator: Senator Ryan

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Question:

Senator RYAN: Okay. Just checking. Did Dr Henry consult with the Prime Minister about his appointment to the SMART Infrastructure group?

Ms Leon: He certainly consulted with the department. I just do not have with me whether he also consulted with the Prime Minister. I can take that on notice.

Answer:

Consistent with his commitment to declare his interests, Dr Henry wrote to the Secretary of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C) on 6 October 2011 in relation to the position of chair of the Advisory Board of the SMART Infrastructure facility at the University of Wollongong. PM&C then advised the Prime Minister.