

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: I would appreciate it, if you have taken advice on that, who the advice was sought from and what the advice is.

Ms Leon: I can tell you now that I have not up until this point sought advice on it but I am happy to take the question on notice.

Senator RYAN: I would also be interested in whether the Prime Minister's office has sought advice on that point.

Ms Leon: I am not aware of any such advice having been sought but I am happy to take some advice and get back to the committee.

Answer:

Neither the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet nor the Prime Minister's Office has sought or received any advice in relation to the question of Dr Henry appearing before parliamentary committees.