

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

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Senator: Senator Fifield

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Question:

Senator FIFIELD: Back onto the issue that Senator Ryan raised before about people who are engaged by the department to write speeches and prepare that sort of material for the Prime Minister, I did see in the paper a few weeks back that a Ms Corinne Grant was presenting herself as a writer of lines for the Prime Minister. I think she is by profession a comedian. Is Ms Grant engaged by PMandC?

Ms Leon: She is not on our staff. I think I have taken on notice the question of whether we have engaged any other casual contractors for the purposes of input to speeches.

Answer:

Please refer to the answer to PM 15.