Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Senator: Senator Abetz

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Question:

Senator ABETZ: Has a Mr Jack Lake been appointed to the Prime Minister's office in recent times to assist in the area of the live export issue?

Dr de Brouwer: This is really a matter for the Prime Minister's office. He worked in the Prime Minister's office and I think that appointment is now finished.

Senator ABETZ: It was for a short-term contract, was it?

Dr de Brouwer: That is my understanding.

Senator ABETZ: For how long?

Dr de Brouwer: I do not know those details. I could take it on notice.

Answer:

Mr Lake was employed in the Prime Minister's office under the *Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984* on an ongoing contract. His period of employment was 20 June 2011 to 12 August 2011.