

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department of Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government

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Asked By: Senator JOYCE

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Senator JOYCE: How many JP signed declarations are you aware of, in resubmitting information?

Mr O'Brien: Can I take that on notice?

Answer:

The Department allowed 12 applicants to resubmit applications due to lodgement issues. In resubmitting their application, all 12 were required to include a signed Statutory Declaration. A Justice of the Peace is one of the approved officers who is authorised to witness a Statutory Declaration. There were six applicants who resubmitted information with Statutory Declarations which were witnessed by a Justice of the Peace. The requirement for a signed Statutory Declaration based on independent probity advice.