

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

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Senator: Senator Ludlam

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Question:

Senator LUDLAM: Can you provide us-again on notice and I will just zip through these really quickly-with the nature of the material provided; the dates that requests were made to you; how far back your involvement goes; whether or not the department was consulted on the terms of reference provided to the joint committee; and whether the department was asked to comment or to provide some of the background information which was provided and included for the public in the discussion paper released as part of that committee reference?

Mr Sadleir: I am happy to take all that on notice.

Answer:

The nature of the material provided and the dates that requests were made

The Attorney-General's Department provided a first draft of the discussion paper to PM&C on 24 April 2012. Subsequent versions were provided on 2 May, 10 May, 7 June and 26 June 2012.

How far back PM&C's involvement goes

The Department's first involvement with the referral of these matters to the PJCIS was in March 2012.

Whether or not the department was consulted on the terms of reference provided to the joint committee

Yes, the Department was consulted.

Whether the department was asked to comment or to provide some of the background information which was provided and included for the public in the discussion paper released as part of that committee reference?

Yes, the Department provided comments and some of the content in the discussion paper.