

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

Supplementary Budget Estimates 15-18 October 2012

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

**Department/Agency:** Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

**Outcome/Program:** 1.1.3 Support Services for Government Operations

**Topic:** Paused Grants - Date and Authority

**Senator:** Senator Ryan

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**Type of Question:** written

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**Question:**

On what date did your department receive advice from the government to pause certain grants programs?

How was the instruction received, and from whom was it received?

**Answer:**

On 28 August 2012 the Department of Finance and Deregulation (Finance) released an Estimate Memorandum informing portfolio departments of the grants pause and sought information on grant rounds and programs in 2012-13 which were not advertised, and advertised rounds which were not finalised.