

Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

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Question: PM41a-j

Outcome 1, Output 4

Topic: 2020 Summit - Government Response

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Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 9 April

Senator Fifield asked: In regards to 2020 Summit – Government Response

- a) **What is the reason for the response being delayed?**
- b) **Has there been a delay from relevant Ministers to clear the response?**
- c) **If so, which Ministers have not cleared the response?**
- d) **What is the current status of the response?**
- e) **When did the response start to be drafted?**
- f) **Who is drafting the response?**
- g) **What steps are being taken to ensure the response is released?**
- h) **Is the response completed and not yet released to the public?**
- i) **If so, what are the reasons for the response not being released to the public?**
- j) **When can the response be expected to be released to the public?**

Answer:

- a) The Prime Minister wrote to participants late last year informing them the Government would formally respond to the 2020 Summit in early 2009.
- b) When requested, ministers have considered material without undue delay
- c) Not applicable
- d) Since July 2008 the Strategy and Delivery Division of Prime Minister and Cabinet has been developing the Government's response to the ideas raised at the Australia 2020 Summit. All relevant departments and agencies are being consulted in the development of the response.
- e) See response to 41(d)
- f) See response to 41(d)
- g) The Prime Minister wrote to participants late last year informing them the Government would formally respond to the 2020 Summit in early 2009. The Department is working to meet that commitment.
- h) See response to 41(a)
- i) Not applicable
- j) See response to 41(g)