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Dear Bob,

PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

The following information is provided in response to Mr Snowden's questions, which I have extracted from the "highlighted" version of Hansard forwarded by the PJC. I had intended to forward these answers direct to the PJC but suggest they now be included in the ILC consolidated response.

Has it ever been the case that the chair has formally sought the advice of or got instructions from any other minister?

I cannot recall formally seeking advice, or obtaining instructions, from other ministers although there have been occasions when information copies of correspondence have been forwarded to the Prime Minister, for example, when the subject material touches on other portfolios.

.... In other words, are there occasions when there has been direct contact between you and PM and C without reference to the Minister?

What about the Prime Minister's office?

There have been limited occasions when I have sought the advice and counsel of the secretary and senior staff of PM and C in relation to staffing matters - personal entitlements, contract conditions, and other conditions of service, including those of the Chairman.

You may include these responses in the consolidated ILC response to the PJC.

Yours sincerely,


Sharon Firebrace
Chairman