

# **Finance and Public Administration References Committee**

## **ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

Lessons to be learned in relation to the preparation and planning for, response to and recovery efforts following the 2019-20 Australian bushfire season

### **Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio**

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

**Topic:** Acting Prime Minister arrangements and briefings in relation to bushfires

**Senator:** Rice

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#### **Question:**

In relation to the period of travel outside Australia:

- a. On what dates was the Prime Minister not in Australia, and the Deputy Prime Minister acting, in December 2019?
- b. Did the Department provide any briefing to the Deputy Prime Minister in relation to bushfire risks prior to the acting period?

#### **Answer:**

- a. Please refer to Question on Notice 0002.
- b. The Deputy Prime Minister was supported by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet and the Office of the Prime Minister.