

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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**Question:**

Senator WONG: The Prime Minister announced that there would be changes to staff appointments. I am asking what those changes are.

Senator ABETZ: The changes are that positions of adviser and above need to go through the staff committee, whereas before it was also below that category. Minister Andrews chairs that committee, and the Special Minister of State is a member.

Senator WONG: Is that a change?

Senator JACINTA COLLINS: Surely that is not a change.

Senator Abetz: I will take that on notice.

**Answer:**

No.