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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Topic: Termination of Dr Paul Grimes

Senator: Senator the Hon Penny Wong

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Question:

On what date did the Prime Minister seek a report from the Secretary of PM&C about the proposed termination of Dr Paul Grimes as Secretary of the Department of Agriculture?

In what form was the request made?

On what date did drafting commence on the Secretary's report to the Prime Minister about the proposed termination?

On what date/s did the Secretary consult with the Australian Public Service Commissioner on his report about the proposed termination?

How did the Secretary consult with the Australian Public Service Commissioner?

Did the Secretary and Australian Public Service Commissioner disagree in relation to the proposed termination?

On what date did the Secretary provide his report on the proposed termination to the Prime Minister?

On what date did PM&C commence drafting a recommendation from the Prime Minister to the Governor-General on the proposed termination?

On what date was a copy of draft recommendation to the Governor-General provided to the Prime Minister or his office?

On what date was a final copy of recommendation to the Governor-General provided to the Prime Minister or his office?

On what date was the Prime Minister's recommendation on the termination transmitted to Government House?

Answer:

The Prime Minister did not seek a report from the Secretary of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.

Drafting of the report commenced on 11 March 2015.

The Secretary consulted the Australian Public Commissioner on 11 March 2015.

The consultation was oral.

The Australian Public Service Commissioner agreed with the Secretary.

The Secretary provided his report to the Prime Minister on 11 March 2015.

Drafting of the Executive Council papers commenced on 11 March 2015.

Executive Council papers were provided to the Prime Minister for approval and signature on 11 March 2015.

The Executive Council papers were provided to the Official Secretary to the Governor-General on 11 March 2015.