

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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**Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio**

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**Topic:** Termination of departmental secretaries

**Senator:** Senator the Hon Penny Wong

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**Question:**

How many departmental secretaries have had their appointments terminated by the Prime Minister since his appointment to office on 18 September 2013?

**Answer:**

Five. In two instances, the appointment was terminated and the individual concerned was appointed as Secretary of another department.