

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
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Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Senator: Senator the Hon Penny Wong

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Question:

For what periods since 18 September 2013 has (a) the Deputy Prime Minister or (b) another specified Minister acted as Prime Minister? In each case can details be provided.

Answer:

(a) The Deputy Prime Minister has acted as the Prime Minister on the following occasions when the Prime Minister was:

- i. on official overseas travel
- 30 September to 1 October 2013;
- 6 to 10 October 2013;
- 27 to 30 October 2013;
- 14 to 18 November 2013;
- 9 to 11 December 2013;
- 19 to 25 January 2014;
- 20 to 23 March 2014;
- 5 to 13 April 2014;
- 4 to 16 June 2014;
- 10 to 14 August 2014;
- 3 to 7 September 2014;
- 23 to 28 September 2014;
- 19 to 21 October 2014;
- 9 to 14 November 2014;
- 3 to 7 January 2015; and
- 27 to 28 February 2015.

- ii. on leave (noting that the Prime Minister returned to duty for parts of the periods noted below)
 - 20 to 31 December 2013;
 - 10 to 17 January 2014; and
 - 10 to 18 January 2015

(b) N/A.