

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
Additional Estimates 2016 - 2017

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

**Department/Agency:** Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet  
**Outcome/Program:** Outcome 1: Prime Minister and Cabinet  
**Topic:** Climate Change Review 2017

**Senator:** Wong, Penny

**Question reference number:** 42

**Type of question:** FPA Monday 27 February 2017, page 83

**Date set by the committee for the return of answer:** 13 April 2017

**Number of pages:** 1

**Question:**

Senator WONG: We will ask them. But, because, obviously, a lot of COAG work is out of PM&C, I was trying to get the extent of your engagement. Did the department provide advice to the Prime Minister's office prior to the terms of reference being announced?

Ms Pearce: I would expect that we would have provided advice in that space.

Senator WONG: Were terms of reference considered by the cabinet prior to their release?

Ms Pearce: I am not sure. We would have to take that on notice.

**Answer:**

In accordance with previous and current Government conventions deliberations of the Cabinet are confidential and are not released into the public domain.