

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**BUDGET ESTIMATES 2014-15**

Finance Portfolio

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**Topic:** Commission of Audit Report - recipients

**Senator:** Wong  
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**Question:**

**Senator WONG:** Were there any ministers other than the Prime Minister, the Treasurer and the Minister for Finance who received the report ahead of its consideration other than by the usual cabinet process?

**Senator Cormann:** I do not believe so, but I will take that on notice. (*Answer provided at part (a) below*).

**Senator WONG:** When you said that it was considered by cabinet, was it the subject of the normal cabinet submission process?

**Senator Cormann:** I have to take that on notice. I do not want to mislead you. (*Answer provided at part (b) below*).

**Senator WONG:** It would seem unusual then that Finance would not have seen it, because Finance would have to brief for cabinet consideration of the document.

**Senator Cormann:** I have to check my facts before I give you an erroneous answer, so I will take it on notice.

**Answer:**

- a) No.
- b) I can confirm that the National Commission of Audit was considered by Cabinet.