

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

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**Senator:** Senator the Hon Penny Wong

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**Question:**

Senator WONG: Ms Kelly, this is becoming Orwellian. I am asking you about dates on which certain actions occurred. I want to know why you are refusing to provide that evidence. If you wish to take it on notice and consult with the minister that is your right, but I want to understand why it is. I asked questions on 17 January about this process, dates associated with various points in the process, and why is it that the department is refusing to answer?

Ms Kelly: As I indicated earlier, in answer to questions on notice—

Senator WONG: You have provided your opinion.

Ms Kelly: In relation to question on notice No. 1—the factual matters. There are additional matters here that are additional to what needs to be asserted in relation to compliance with the statute. I will take those on notice.

**Answer:**

See PM 102.