

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: MPs Register of Interests

Senator: Senator Lee Rhiannon

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Question:

1. What action is taken if it is ascertained that a MP, Senator, Minister or Prime Minister has not accurately disclosed their interests on the members' Register of Interests?
2. Who has the power to investigate if the Register of Interests is accurate?
3. If a dependent relative of a MP was gifted a scholarship from a company or organisation linked with the MP what are the obligations to report such a gift?

Answer:

The Registers of Interests of Members and Senators are overseen by the House of Representatives Committee of Privileges and Members' Interests and the Senate Standing Committee of Senators' Interests. The questions asked are matters for those bodies.