

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:

Are answers to questions taken on notice during Senate Estimates hearings submitted on behalf of the department or the Prime Minister?

Who approves the submitted answers?

Answer:

Answers to questions on notice are approved by the relevant authorising officer in the Department, i.e. the relevant Deputy Secretary, or the Secretary.

Consistent with long standing practice across government, the answers are provided to the Prime Minister's office for review prior to the Department submitting the answers to the Committee.