

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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Outcome/Program: 1.1 Prime Minister and Cabinet

Topic: Appointment of Ambassador

Senator: Senator the Hon Penny Wong

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Question:

Did the Prime Minister or his office play any role in the appointment of a senior adviser to the Prime Minister as Ambassador to Belgium, Luxembourg, the European Union and NATO, as announced by the Minister for Foreign Affairs in May 2014? If so, please outline the role.

Answer:

Head of Mission and Head of Post appointments are decisions for the Government and are approved by the Governor-General in the Federal Executive Council.