

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

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Question:

Are all media releases issued by the Prime Minister's Office since 18 September 2013 published on the website www.pm.gov.au? If not, (a) why not? (b) who maintains an official record of media statements issued by the Prime Minister (c) can a list of the Prime Minister's media releases that have not been published on www.pm.gov.au since 18 September 2013 be provided?

Have any media releases issued by the Prime Minister's Office since 18 September 2013 and published on the website www.pm.gov.au been removed from the website? If so, can a list of those media releases be provided?

Answer:

Some media releases issued by the Prime Minister may not be uploaded to pm.gov.au, as the loading of content on to pm.gov.au is a matter for the staff of the Prime Minister's office.

The department does not have a list of the Prime Minister's releases not published on the pm.gov.au website.

The department has not removed any media releases from pm.gov.au.