

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

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Senator: Senator the Hon Penny Wong

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Question:

Senator WONG: Why don't you just give me the dates on which they were electronically submitted?

Ms Kelly: I can certainly look into that.

Senator WONG: Can you confirm to me whether or not, given the department's serious understanding that it takes seriously its obligations to the parliament, whether or not you provided all or the majority of draft answers to the Prime Minister's office prior to the date in which they were required by the Senate?

Ms Kelly: I do not know the answer to that question. I will endeavour to find the answer to that question.

Senator WONG: I would appreciate that.

Answer:

Answers to questions on notice were cleared by the department's authorising officers and then provided to the Prime Minister's and portfolio ministers' offices. Answers were submitted in batches to ministerial offices from 28 March to 7 April, with a small batch submitted after the tabling date of 11 April 2014.