

**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:** Termination of the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture

**Senator:** Senator the Hon Joe Ludwig

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**Question:**

Senator LUDWIG: It would also extend to whether Dr Grimes was provided legal assistance or whether PM&C or the Department of Agriculture paid for that legal assistance. You may not be aware of that.

Senator Cormann: Happy to take that on notice.

**Answer:**

The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet was not asked to and did not provide or pay for any legal assistance for Dr Grimes in relation to the termination of his appointment as Secretary of the Department of Agriculture.

We also understand that the Department of Agriculture did not provide or pay for any legal assistance for Dr Grimes in relation to the termination of his appointment as Secretary.