

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Supplementary Budget Estimates 18-22 November 2013

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Senator: Senator the Hon Penny Wong

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Question:

At any time since 7 September 2013 has the department, including the Secretary, communicated with agency heads or agencies about the handling of FOI requests seeking Incoming Government Briefs? If so, for each communication please provide details including (a) date (b) purpose of communication and (c) parties to the communication?

Answer:

Yes. The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet has had a number of discussions, including as part of the Cabinet consultation process. It is not possible to provide the detail sought as not all discussions would have been documented.