

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Supplementary Budget Estimates 18-22 November 2013

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

Outcome/Program: 1.1 Prime Minister and Cabinet

Topic: FOI – communications with the Office of the Prime Minister

Senator: Senator the Hon Penny Wong

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Question:

Does the department provide the Office of the Prime Minister with a regular update on FOI requests directed to the department and/or the Office of the Prime Minister? If so, (a) on what date/s has the update been provided (b) who prepares the update (c) who receives the update and (d) what information is included in the update?

Answer:

The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C) provides the Office of the Prime Minister a regular update on FOI applications directed to PM&C and the Office of the Prime Minister. The update is provided every Thursday. The update is prepared by departmental officers. The update includes the following information: file reference number, name of applicant, date request received, subject of the request, current status and due date of the request.