

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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Senator: Senator the Hon Penny Wong

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Question:

Senator WONG: Does a member of the Prime Minister's staff attend the Governance Committee?

Ms Spence: The Acting Cabinet Secretary would attend the Governance Committee, as with arrangements with the other committee meetings.

Senator WONG: Does any other member of the Prime Minister's staff attend the Governance Committee?

Ms Spence: I would have to take that on notice.

Answer:

It is longstanding practice not to disclose the names of those staff or officials who may attend Cabinet and Cabinet sub-committee meetings. It is a decision for the Prime Minister as to who attends Cabinet and associated meetings.