

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Senator: Senator the Hon Penny Wong

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Question:

Has the Prime Minister or the department adopted the advice of Mr Andrew Shearer to “halve the size of the bloated national security bureaucracy” in PM&C [“A foreign policy to-do list for PM Gillard” published on 24 June 2010, accessed on 28 November 2013 at <http://www.lowyinterpreter.org/post/2010/06/24/A-foreign-policy-to-do-list-for-PM-Gillard.aspx>]

Answer:

Discussions between the Prime Minister and his staff are not a matter for the Department.