

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Office of National Assessments

Outcome/Program: 1

Topic: Ministerial briefing

Senator: Senator Ludwig

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Question:

- 1) Does the department provide a regular briefing to the Minister on the activities of the department and/or any upcoming issues and/or any upcoming matters to come before the Minister?
- 2) In what form does that occur?
- 3) On what basis is that provided?
- 4) What title is this briefing given?

ONA Response:

ONA's formal briefing (outside its normal assessment reports) is provided on an as-needed basis usually in the form of a letter to the Minister or, less usually, in the form of an intelligence coordination brief or other similar briefing note. This is provided on the basis of ONA's statutory assessment, coordination and evaluation functions. A regular, informal briefing is provided to the Minister's office usually on a weekly basis. This briefing is provided orally and covers current and upcoming assessment issues and priorities.