

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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Topic: Mr Metcalfe

Senator: Senator the Hon Kim Carr

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Question:

Can you explain the circumstances around the dismissal of the former secretary of this department Mr Metcalfe?

What was the justification of his (Metcalfes) removal?

Can you confirm that Mr Metcalfe was a former chief of staff to the Immigration Minister, Mr Ruddock? Was that assessed in the reasons for his dismissal?

Answer:

Mr Metcalfe's appointment as Secretary was terminated by the Governor-General in Council under section 59 of the *Public Service Act 1999*.

The disclosure of the other information would disclose personal information and breach the privacy of the individuals concerned