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Question:

Senator FAULKNER: That would be a matter for Finance. I asked this before, and I think you took it on notice, but given you have been able to provide additional information: who is the secretary?

Senator Abetz: I do not know which out of the five is the secretary. Suffice to say I assume it is not Mr Andrews, who is the chair.

Senator FAULKNER: I assume that too. So we are down to four.

Senator WONG: Can you tell me—

Senator Abetz: And, look, there might be a note-taker—I will find out.

Senator WONG: Sorry?

Senator Abetz: There might be someone to take notes—who knows. But I will take it on notice.

Answer: Consistent with the arrangements under the former government, the governance team of the Prime Minister's office performs this function.