

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 John Faulkner

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Question:

Senator FAULKNER: My question just goes to the process—whether it is planned to continue the previous practice.

Senator Abetz: We will find out what the previous practice actually was, because I do not think what you initially asserted about it reflects what actually occurred. So what we will do is take on notice (1) what the actual previous practice was—

Senator FAULKNER: Yes, but—

Senator Abetz: Then, once that is established, we will be able to answer on notice your question as to whether that previous practice will be continued.

Answer:

Yes, it is proposed to continue the distinction between official and private functions, with an official function being one where the Department has an organising role.

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