

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearing 18-22 November 2013

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

Outcome/Program: 1.1 Prime Minister and Cabinet

Topic: White Paper Consultants

Senator: Senator the Hon Joe Ludwig

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Type of Question: Written

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Question:

- 1) Are any external advisers or contractors being engaged for the white paper work?
- 2) How many?
- 3) How much are they being paid?
- 4) What resources are provided to those advisers?
- 5) What extra staff or secretariat work is devoted to those external advisers?
- 6) What was the process for engaging those advisers?
- 7) Did the department provide a shortlist?
- 8) How did the Minister or delegate select them?
- 9) Was a brief prepared?
- 10) Did the Minister discuss a preferred candidate before a brief was prepared?
- 11) What background checks were conducted on the individual before the minister approved the appointment?

Answer:

- 1) No external advisers or contractors have been engaged to date.
- 2) to 11) Not applicable.