

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Senator: Senator the Hon Penny Wong

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Question:

Has the role of the National Security Adviser changed since 18 September 2013? If so, please provide details of the change/s.

Answer:

Dr Margot McCarthy no longer uses the title 'National Security Adviser' and instead holds the title 'Associate Secretary, National Security and International Policy Group'. Her role, however, has not changed in that she continues to advise the Prime Minister on, and coordinate across national security and other agencies, national security and international policy matters.