

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

Supplementary Budget Estimates 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:** Senate Order on public interest immunity claims

**Senator:** Senator the Hon Penny Wong

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**Question:**

At any time since 18 September 2013 has PM&C provided the Prime Minister or his office, or any other Minister or Parliamentary Secretary or their offices, with any advice on the operation of the Senate order of 13 May 2009 concerning the making of public interest immunity claims? If so, (a) who received that advice (b) on what date/s was advice provided (c) can a copy of the advice be provided?

**Answer:**

Consistent with long standing practice, PM&C has discussions with the Office of the incumbent Prime Minister and other Ministers within the Prime Minister's portfolio on the operation of the Senate Order. It is not possible to provide the details sought as not all discussions would have been documented.