

**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:** Statement issued on 29 August 2013

**Senator:** Senator the Hon Penny Wong

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**Question:**

Was the Secretary of PM&C consulted or informed before the Secretary of the Treasury and the Secretary of the then Department of Finance and Deregulation issued a joint media statement on 29 August 2013 during the caretaker period? If so, please provide details including the date/s.

Did the Secretary communicate with any member of the then Opposition before the statement was issued? If so, please provide details including the date/s.

**Answer:**

The Secretary of PM&C was informed by the Secretary of the Treasury and the Secretary of the then Department of Finance and Deregulation of their intention to issue a joint media statement, prior to its release on 29 August 2013. The Secretary did not communicate with any member of the then Opposition about the statement before it was issued.