

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES 2014-15

Finance Portfolio

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Outcome/Program: 2/2.1

Topic: Open Government Partnership – other Government representations

Senator: Faulkner

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Question:

Senator FAULKNER: Other government to Australian government representations that you are aware of and you are able to inform the committee about?

Ms Halton: None that I am aware of. I am happy to check.

Senator FAULKNER: Would you mind taking that on notice?

Ms Halton: Sure.

Senator FAULKNER: And that might mean in relation to Finance, so you might need to check that with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

Ms Halton: I cannot guarantee that we can check every, single source, but we are very happy to make inquiries.

Senator FAULKNER: I appreciate that. But, given the respective responsibilities of other agencies, if your officials could also undertake to check with DFAT and respond on notice, I would appreciate that.

Ms Halton: We would be very happy to do that.

Answer:

No high level invitations for OGP events beyond the September Annual Summit have been received by Finance or DFAT. Finance has received several invitations for the Australian Government to participate in various lower level OGP working groups however, they have been declined as it would be inappropriate to participate in these until a decision is reached regarding OGP membership.