

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Senator: Senator the Hon Penny Wong

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Question:

- 1) Why is the Parliamentary Entitlements Review being managed by PM&C and not Finance?
- 2) When was the review secretariat established?
- 3) How many staff are supporting the review?
- 4) Have any staff been seconded from Finance?
- 5) When will the review report?

Answer:

- 1) The Review Secretariat supports an independent committee comprising of Mr John Conde AO, Mr David Tune AO PSM, Mr Harry Jenkins AO, the Hon Dr Brendan Nelson AO and Ms Linda Nicholls AO. The location of the Secretariat was a matter for the then Prime Minister, the Hon Tony Abbott MP.
- 2) 3 August 2015.
- 3) Seven full-time equivalent staff.
- 4) Yes. One staff member is seconded from the Department of Finance.
- 5) The Terms of Reference released on 2 August 2015 required the review to provide its report to the Prime Minister in the first half of 2016.