

**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 Joe Ludwig

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**Question:**

Senator LUDWIG: Did all the ministers that were dumped by Mr Turnbull submit letters of resignation?

Ms Cross: They are not really questions that would be referred to the department. They are matters between ministers and the Prime Minister. We do not normally discuss the nature of those arrangements.

Senator LUDWIG: Senator Brandis, are you able to enlighten me?

Senator Brandis: No.

Ms Kelly: I will take on notice the exact mechanism. It is not my recollection, but I will take on notice the mechanism by which the ministry changes

**Answer:**

On 21 September 2015, on the Prime Minister's advice, the Governor-General revoked the appointments of Ministers who were members of the Abbott Ministry but who did not continue as members of the Turnbull Ministry. Letters of resignation are not necessary in these circumstances.