Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation CommitteeANSWERS TO OUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Supplementary Budget Estimates 19-23 October 2015

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Outcome/Program: Outcome 1: Prime Minister and Cabinet

Topic: Unanswered questions on notice

Senator: Senator the Hon Penny Wong

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Question:

When did the department submit a draft statement to (a) the Prime Minister's Office and/or (b) Senator Brandis' office responding to the Senate order on unanswered Estimates questions on notice.

Why did Senator Brandis fail to provide a statement about unanswered questions on notice at least 10 days before the commencement of Supplementary Budget Estimates hearings, as required by an order of the Senate.

Answer:

The Department submitted a draft statement to the Prime Minister on 30 September 2015.

Senator Brandis provided the statement to the Tabling Office on 13 October 2015.