

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:

On what dates did the former Minister for Communications, Mr Turnbull, submit statements of interests, or updates to his interests, to former Prime Minister Abbott.

On what dates did Mr Abbott or his office ask the Secretary of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet to provide advice on Mr Turnbull's interests.

On what dates did the Secretary of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet provide advice to Mr Abbott on Mr Turnbull's interests.

Answer:

The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet is not aware of the dates on which statements and updates were provided to the former Prime Minister.

The Department's advice was sought in late 2013 and in July 2014.

The Department provided advice to the Prime Minister for the consideration of the Governance Committee of Cabinet in December 2013 and in September 2014.