

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**Supplementary Budget Estimates 2016 - 2017**

**Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio**

**Department/Agency:** Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

**Outcome/Program:** Outcome 1: Prime Minister and Cabinet

**Topic:** Appointment to the AAT

**Senator:** Wong, Penny

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**Question:**

Senator WONG: Did the department give any advice as to whether this constituted a conflict of interest, and was that brought to the attention of the Prime Minister or the Cabinet?

Mr Taloni: I would have to take that on notice too.

**Answer:**

The confidentiality of Cabinet deliberations, including the provision of advice on the private interests by Ministers, is the foundation for the proper functioning of the Cabinet process. It is therefore not appropriate to reveal what matters may have been considered by the Cabinet.