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Senator Collins asked the following written question from the 24 February and 27 March 2015 hearings:

1. What was the role or involvement of the Prime Minister in the selection of winners of the Prime Minister's Literary Awards?
2. How many of the shortlisted books did he read?
3. Were the shortlisted books provided to him to read?

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

1. The Prime Minister makes the final decision on winners of the Prime Minister Literary Awards and the Prize for Australian History, taking into account the recommendations of the judging panels. This information is included in the guidelines for applicants for the Prime Minister's Literary Awards.
2. This is a matter for the Prime Minister's Office.
3. The department provided a copy of each of the shortlisted books to the Prime Minister's Office.