

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Senator Fielding provided in writing.

POST-ELECTION BRIEF FOR A RETURNED LABOUR GOVERNMENT

Question

"Did the department prepare a post-election brief for a returned Labor Government (the so-called 'Red Book')? Can the department provide the committee with a copy of this brief? Has the Minister given any instructions to the department regarding the release of this brief and if so, what were these instructions? If not, can the department outline its reasons for refusing to provide a copy of this brief? If the department will not provide a copy of this brief because it contains confidential or sensitive information, can the department provide a redacted copy of this brief as was done by the Treasury Department?"

Answer

Did the department prepare a post-election brief for a returned Labour Government (the so called 'Red Book')?

Yes.

Can the department provide the committee with a copy of this brief?

Yes. The department has published a copy of the Incoming Government Brief(IGB). Some content in the IGB has been deleted prior to this publication, including information that is personal information, business information, information under consideration by Government or information which concerns Cabinet deliberations. See

[:http://www.deewr.gov.au/Department/Publications/Pages/IncomingGovernmentBrief.aspx](http://www.deewr.gov.au/Department/Publications/Pages/IncomingGovernmentBrief.aspx)

Has the Minister given any instructions to the department regarding the release of this brief and if so, what were these instructions?

No, however, they were consulted and the senior Ministers tabled the IGB in the Senate pursuant to an order to produce the document.

If not, can the department outline its reasons for refusing to provide a copy of this brief?

N/A

If the department will not provide a copy of this brief because it contains confidential or sensitive information, can the department provide a redacted copy of this brief as was done by the Treasury Department?

Yes.

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