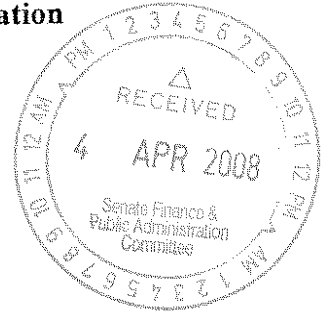


Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Question: PM16

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Senator Minchin asked: Senator MINCHIN-Has any directive gone out from the government to ministers as to any lobbyist, individual or other organisation they should not have any dealings with, while this register is being developed?

Ms Belcher-Not that I am aware of...

Senator MINCHIN-So Mr Brian Burke has not been vetoed, by way of ministerial conduct, by this government?...

Senator MINCHIN-I would not mind an answer to that if you have to take it on notice. I mean, other state governments have vetoed contact with the lobbyist Mr Brian Burke. I would like to know whether this government has issued such a ban on contact for all ministers.

Answer: In February 2007 the Prime Minister reaffirmed a ban on contact between members of the Federal Parliamentary Labor Party and Mr Brian Burke.