

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

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Senator: Senator Ryan

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Question:

Senator RYAN: How many times have the cabinet seating arrangements been changed since the last election?

Ms Leon: I would have to take that on notice. The most recently revised seating arrangements were in response to the recent change to administrative arrangements orders which introduced changes to the ministry. So there had to be changes in the cabinet room to accommodate the new ministerial responsibilities.

Answer:

There have been two changes to the Cabinet seating plan that was established after the 2010 Federal election.