Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Senator: Senator the Hon Penny Wong

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Question:

Since 18 September 2013 has any written communication been received from the Attorney-General's Department on way AGD has handled particular Freedom of Information requests? If so, please provide details of (a) the date (b) the source (c) the recipient (d) the subject of the advice and (e) a copy of the advice.

Answer:

On 22 October 2014, the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet received an email from Mr David Fredericks of the Attorney-General's Department informing the Department and other departments about a decision the Attorney-General's Department had made concerning a request to access that department's Incoming Government Brief. A copy of the email was tabled by Senator Dastyari during the Senate's Finance and Public Administration Estimates Committee hearing of 25 February 2014.