

**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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**Topic:** Royal Commission – Cabinet documents

**Senator:** Senator the Hon Joe Ludwig

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**Question:**

Senator FAULKNER: When you say it was communicated by the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet, how is that done? I assume that it is done in writing, obviously. How is it done and whom is it done to?

Ms Kelly: I would have to make some inquiries in relation to that. There were a number of meetings over a period of days in relation to it, so I would have to take on notice the exact point of communication. It was an iterative process.

**Answer:**

On 31 January 2014 the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet instructed the Attorney-General's Department to instruct the Australian Government Solicitor to comply with the summons, which was done by email.