

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:

With reference to questions on notice 22, 31 and 41 confirming that the Federal Director of the Liberal Party, Mr Brian Loughnane, has attended up to a quarter of the meetings of the Government Staffing Committee:

1. Which meetings has Mr Loughnane attended?
2. Why does the Federal Director of the Liberal Party attend meetings convened to consider the appointment of ministerial staff?
3. Was Mr Loughnane consulted on the termination and appointment of Departmental Secretaries at the beginning of the Prime Minister's term?
4. On what other matters is Mr Loughnane consulted?

Answer:

1. Refer to PM41, Supplementary Budget Estimates, November 2013.
2. Refer to PM22, Supplementary Budget Estimates, November 2013.
3. No.
4. On matters concerning his role as the Federal Director of the Liberal Party of Australia.