

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 the answer to question on notice 85 from the Supplementary Budget Estimates round which advises that ‘procedural fairness’ was observed in relation to the termination of secretaries:

How were the terminated secretaries afforded procedural fairness?

What was the aggregate cost of entitlements paid out under Part 5 of the relevant Determination made by the Remuneration Tribunal?

Answer:

Affected Secretaries were informed of the incoming government’s intentions and given the opportunity to respond.

The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet does not hold information about the cost of entitlements paid under the Determination.