

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Additional Estimates 24-28 February 2014

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

**Department/Agency:** Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

**Outcome/Program:** 1.1 Prime Minister and Cabinet

**Topic:** First 100 days document

**Senator:** Senator the Hon Penny Wong

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**Question:**

With reference to the document "The First 100 Days of Government" launched by the Prime Minister on 15 December 2013:

1. Why was the document not authorised under section 328 of the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918?
2. Was the amount of \$11,247.35 met by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet the total sum of taxpayer funds expended in connection with the document?
3. Why were 370 copies of this taxpayer-funded document provided to the Office of the Prime Minister?
4. How were the 370 copies provided to the Office of the Prime Minister then distributed?
5. Were any copies of the document provided to the Liberal Party of Australia?
6. Why did the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet keep 45 copies of the document?
7. Who took the photographs published in the document?

**Answer:**

1. The document was not authorised under section 328 of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* as it was not considered to be electoral matter.
2. Yes.
3. The Office of the Prime Minister requested copies.
4. The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C) is not aware how the 370 copies were distributed.
5. No.
6. The 45 copies were distributed within PM&C.

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7. PM&C has no record of who took the photographs.