

**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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**Question:**

With reference to the answer to question on notice 111 from the Supplementary Budget Estimates round relating to PM&C's communications with other agencies on the handling of FOI requests seeking Incoming Government Briefs:

Why does the Department, including the Secretary, not document communications related to the handling of FOI requests?

Can details of all documented communications be provided?

**Answer:**

Whether communications relating to the handling of FOI requests are documented will depend on the circumstances.

To provide all documented communications relating to handling of FOI requests would involve an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.