

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Senator: Senator the Hon Penny Wong

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Question:

With reference to the answer to question on notice 21 from the Supplementary Budget Estimates round:

Why are recommendations from the Government Staffing Committee to the Prime Minister on the appointment of ministerial staff, including chiefs of staff, not in writing?

How are recommendations made and recorded?

What other records associated with the appointment of ministerial staff are not maintained?

Answer:

It is not the practice of successive governments to provide commentary on the internal workings of the Prime Minister's office.