

Department/Agency: Office of the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security

Outcome/Program: Outcome 1

Topic: Ministerial leave

Senator: Ludwig

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Question:

1. Was the minister on leave at any point during the Christmas break (between the last sitting of parliament in 2013 and the first sitting in 2014)? If so:
 - a. Please table a schedule of the ministers leave. Please include:
 - i. The dates the minister was on leave.
 - ii. The dates the minister was out of the country (if applicable).
 - b. Who was acting in the minister's place?
 - i. What date was it decided to have this person act in the minister's place?
 - ii. What was the process for selecting this person?
 - iii. Who was involved in making this decision?
 - c. Were there any matters with which the department needed to make contact with the minister during this time? If so:
 - i. Please provide a list of these matters and the date they occurred
 - ii. Please provide a copy of any correspondence, emails, notes etc between the minister and the department during this time.
 - iii. Were there any times that the department was aware that it would be unable to communicate with the minister?
 - iv. Were there any times that the department tried to contact the minister but were unable?
 - d. Were there any matters with which the department needed to make contact with the acting minister during this time? If so:
 - i. Please provide a list of these matters and the date they occurred
 - ii. Please provide a copy of any correspondence, emails, notes etc between the acting minister and the department during this time.
 - iii. Were there any times that the department was aware that it would be unable to communicate with the acting minister?
 - iv. Were there any times that the department tried to contact the acting minister but were unable?
 - v. but were unable?
 - e. Did the department contact the Minister or acting minister during this time? If so:
 - i. Please provide a list of these matters and the date they occurred
 - ii. Please provide a copy of any correspondence, emails, notes etc between the minister and or acting minister and the department during this time.

Answer:

IGIS was advised that the Special Minister of State would answer on behalf of all agencies.