

**Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration**

**ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

**Budget Estimates Hearing – May 2008  
Department of Finance and Deregulation  
Finance and Deregulation Portfolio**



**Outcome 3, Output 3.1**

**Topic: Caucus Committee Secretariat Training and Support Unit (CCSTU)**

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**Senator Ronaldson asked:**

- a. The outline of the responsibilities of the CCSTU [answer provided to question F113 from the February 2008 hearings] also states that the CCSTU gives advice on the Pecuniary Interest declarations of Members and Senators:
- b. Did anyone from the CCSTU have contact with the Prime Minister's office in relation to his non disclosure of Ms Rein's active subsidiary company?
- c. Did anyone from the CCSTU come up with the "inactive" line – that has been shown to be wrong and false?

**Answer:**

(a) n/a

(b) No member of the CCSTU has provided any advice to the Prime Minister related to his statement of registrable interests. The House of Representatives and not the Senate is responsible for the resolution (as amended) relating to the submission of Members' Statements of Registrable Interests.

(c) See the answer to (b), above. The imputation in the question is rejected.