

Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

Budget Estimates Hearing 26 May - 27 May 2008



Question: PM118a

Outcome 1, Output 5

Topic: Standard protocol for Prime Minister's attendance at the State Funeral of a former Federal Cabinet Minister

Hansard Page: Written Question

Senator Minchin asked: What is the standard protocol for the Prime Minister's attendance at the State Funeral of a former Federal Cabinet Minister?

Answer: There is no standard protocol or guideline on attendance by Prime Ministers at State Funerals (or Memorial Services) for former Federal Cabinet Ministers (or any other recipients).

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Question: PM118b

Outcome 1, Output 5

Topic: Facilitation of four state funerals as a Key Performance Indicator for 2008-09

Hansard Page: Written Question

Senator Minchin asked: How did the Department determine that facilitation of four state funerals was a Key Performance Indicator for 2008-09 under outcome 5 (PBS, p 31)?

Answer: The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet facilitated a total of four state funerals during the 2007-08.

The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet based the facilitation of four state funerals as a key performance indicator for the 2008-09 under output 5 on past history and consistent with the 2007-08 experience.

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Question: PM118c

Outcome 1, Output 5

Topic: How will the Department judge its performance for the financial year if it facilitates less than four state funerals

Hansard Page: Written Question

Senator Minchin asked: How will the Department judge its performance for the financial year if it facilitates less than four state funerals?

Answer: The number of state funerals provided by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet is a numerical measure of activity and if fewer state funerals are facilitated it reflects on the quantity of deliverables only.