

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: PM23

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Topic: Charter meeting - Senator Faulkner and Prime Minister

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Senator Abetz asked: -All right. Can we have an accurate time of that, because I am sure that meetings in the Prime Minister's office would be recorded in relation to when they commenced and when they finished?

Senator Faulkner-If it is of any interest to you, I will try and provide for you the time in which I had diarised the meeting.

Senator ABETZ-No, not what you had diarised, possibly in anticipation. I am not interested in that. I am interested in the actual time in the Prime Minister's office discussing your charter. Can you ask the Prime Minister's office.

Senator Faulkner-If I am able to provide any further information to you in relation to my own meeting with the Prime Minister, I will.

Answer: Over January and early February 2008, the Prime Minister conducted a series of meetings with each senior portfolio Minister and the Cabinet Secretary. An indication of the dates scheduled for each meeting is as follows. It is our understanding that some meetings were rescheduled depending on the Prime Minister's and Ministers' diaries or held over more than one occasion. The meetings were generally scheduled to take between one and half and two hours, but their length varied considerably, depending on the matters the Prime Minister or Ministers wanted to discuss.

Minister	Portfolio	Date
Nicola Roxon	Health and Ageing	23 January 26 February
Lindsay Tanner	Finance and Deregulation	31 January
Anthony Albanese	Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government	29 January
Wayne Swan	Treasury	8 February SYDNEY
Joel Fitzgibbon	Defence	31 January
Julia Gillard	Education, Employment, Workplace Relations, Social Inclusion	31 January
Stephen Conroy	Broadband, Communication, Digital Economy	1 February
Chris Evans	Immigration and Citizenship	1 February

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Kim Carr	Innovation, Industry, Science and Research	1 February
Martin Ferguson	Resources and Energy and Tourism	1 February
Stephen Smith	Foreign Affairs	6 February
Simon Crean	Trade	5 February
Penny Wong	Climate Change and Water	6 February 11 March
Robert McClelland	Attorney-General	6 February
Peter Garrett	Environment, Heritage and the Arts	6 February
Joseph Ludwig	Human Services	7 February
Tony Burke	Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	7 February
John Faulkner	Special Minister of State, Cabinet secretary	7 February
Jenny Macklin	Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	8 February SYDNEY
Alan Griffin	Veterans' Affairs	7 February