

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

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Question: PM55 .

Outcome 1, Output 5.3 Support to Official Establishments

Topic: Reimbursement of child carer's salary

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Senator Minchin asked: No, we do not want you to. I think it is proper that we not unduly pry into the personal affairs of the Prime Minister and his wife. But I am interested in how this will show up in the PM&C accounts. There must be revenue derived from a source. What will appear in the accounts indicating the source of the revenues that go to make up the salary component of this woman?

Mr Mrdak-As I said earlier, it will appear at section 30, reimbursement revenue.

Senator MINCHIN-From whom or what?

Mr Mrdak-I will take on notice the degree to which we note what notes we provide to that account in our financial statements.

Answer:

Section 30 of the FMA Act provides for the reinstatement of an appropriation where an amount is repaid to an agency. Repayments to which section 30 of the FMA Act applies are reported in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards and the *Financial Management Accountability (Finance Statements) Orders* (Finance Minister's Orders).

The Finance Minister's Orders require agencies to disclose the sum of repayments to which section 30 of the FMA Act applies for each appropriation in the appropriation acquittal notes to the financial statements. This disclosure appears in the note to PM&C's financial statements titled *Acquittal of Authority to Draw Cash from the Consolidated Revenue Fund for Ordinary Annual Services Appropriations*.