

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: PM98a

Outcome 1, Output 5.7

Topic: 2020 Summit - Submissions received from the general public

Hansard Page: Written Question

Senator Fifield asked:

- How many submissions were received from the general public in the lead up to the summit?

Answer: 3,779 individual submissions were received by 9 April 2008, which was the cut-off for public submissions.

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Question: PM98b

Outcome 1, Output 5.7

Topic: 2020 Summit - How submissions from members of the public were taken into account

Hansard Page: Written Question

Senator Fifield asked: How were these submissions taken into account during the summit process?

Answer: Participants were provided access to all of the submissions relating to their discussion stream prior to the Summit. Executive summaries of the public submissions were also published on a secure website for participants on 10 April and 16 April 2008.

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Question: PM98c

Outcome 1, Output 5.7

Topic: When were submissions from members of the public available for summit participants to read

Hansard Page: Written Question

Senator Fifield asked: When were they all finally available for summit participants to read?

Answer: Summit participants were able to review public submissions from 9 April 2008.

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Question: PM98d

Outcome 1, Output 5.7

Topic: In what form were submissions from members of the public made available for summit participants

Hansard Page: Written Question

Senator Fifield asked: In what form were they made available for summit participants?

Answer: A secure internet application allowed Summit participants to browse and read the public submissions. Overviews of the public submissions were also made available to Summit participants from 10 April 2008.