

Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

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Senator Brown asked:

Senator BOB BROWN—Yes, we know that. Did you ask Dr Hawke any questions about that report after you were provided with that?

Senator Ludwig—I would have to check my records, but I do not recall specifically asking about any of those, no.

Senator BOB BROWN—About anything at all, about the content of the report?

Senator Ludwig—I would have to check what records I have in relation to it, but I think I answered that I do not recall any, no.

Senator BOB BROWN—I put that question on notice.

Senator Ludwig—I think I have answered it, but I will check.

Senator BOB BROWN—I do not think you have and I would like you to report specifically back to the committee on that matter.

Answer:

The Independent Review of Government Advertising Arrangements was commissioned by the secretaries of the Department of Finance and Deregulation, and the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet. The report of the review was provided to those secretaries. I sought and received advice from the Department of Finance and Deregulation and the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet in relation to the Government's response to the report.