

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

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The SMH reported (27-Feb-2010) that 'Asked about Ms Kruk's future in administering the program, he said 'future department arrangements' would be determined with the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet.'

- a) Has the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet made any determinations about the roles and responsibilities of Ms Kruk in the Department of Environment?**
- b) Have Ms Kruk's responsibilities as Secretary been diminished since February 2010?**
- c) What changes to the administrative arrangements or orders have been made since January 2010 with respect to the roles and responsibilities of the Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts?**
- d) On what date were each of the changes made?**

Answer:

(a) No

(b), (c) and (d) Amendments to the Administrative Arrangements Order (AAO) made on 8 March 2010 transferred responsibility for various energy efficiency programs from the Department of the Environment, Heritage and the Arts to the renamed Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency. A copy of the amendment to the AAO as notified in the *Gazette* is attached.