

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Topic: Prime Minister’s spouse/partner – recommendations made by the Department

Senator: Fifield

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Question:

Senator FIFIELD: In relation to the appointment in the Prime Minister's office of a staff member to assist Mr Mathieson, has the department made any recommendations in relation to the need for support to the prime ministerial spouse?

Mr Terrell: We have made no formal recommendations.

Senator FIFIELD: Any informal recommendations?

Mr Terrell: I would have to take that on notice.

Senator FIFIELD: If you could.

Answer:

In the *Incoming Government Brief*, the department advised the incoming Prime Minister of the longstanding practice for assistance to be provided to the partner of the Prime Minister on a full-time or part-time basis by a member of the Prime Minister’s office.