

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department of Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government

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Asked By: Senator JOYCE

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Senator JOYCE: Were there any apologies for any of those meetings?

Mr Leeper: I would need to check the minutes for each of the meetings. I do not have those with me.

Senator JOYCE: Was the chairman at the meetings?

Mr Leeper: The meetings are chaired by the Deputy Prime Minister and Treasurer and as far as I am aware, he has attended all of the meetings, yes.

Senator JOYCE: So your belief is he has attended all the meetings?

Answer:

- a) There have been four meetings of the Prime Minister's Business Taskforce to date. Apologies were received as follows:

Meeting 1 24/1/2011	Meeting 2 4/2/2011	Meeting 3 15/2/2011	Meeting 4 5/4/2011
13 attendees	11 attendees	11 attendees	13 attendees
1 alternate representative	1 alternate representative	4 alternate representatives	5 alternate representatives
3 apologies	5 apologies	8 apologies	7 apologies

- b) The Chairman, the Hon Wayne Swan MP, attended all meetings.