

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

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The Deputy National Security Advisor, Mr Campbell indicated in the May Senate Estimates that the Office of National Security was working in close consultation with the Parliamentary Departments and the Presiding Officers about the location of a crisis coordination centre.

- a) Have any decisions been made as to the location of the centre?**
- b) If so, where will it be located?**

Answer: The Deputy National Security Adviser, Mr Campbell, understands the question relates to the Parliament House Briefing Room (PHBR). Mr Campbell indicated in the May Senate Estimates that the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet was working in close consultation with the Parliamentary departments and the Presiding Officers about the location of the PHBR. As a result of this consultation, it has been decided that the PHBR will be located in the office space adjacent to the Members and Senators Library and Reading Room on the ground floor of the Ministerial Wing.