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Senator BERNARDI-Ms Beauchamp, would you undertake to provide me with a list of all questions asked at community cabinet meetings and the responses.

Dr Grimes-It may not be the case that we have that information. We can certainly look to see if it is available, but it would essentially be a transcript of the community cabinet meeting itself.

[...]

Ms Beauchamp-I will also be looking at the time required to put that information together. I do not want to divert unnecessary resources if it is already publicly available. We will do the best we possibly can, Senator.

Senator BERNARDI-Sure, and you can point me to where it is publicly available. I will be perfectly happy with that.

Answer: Transcripts of the public forum sessions of all Community Cabinet meetings following and including the meeting in Launceston (November 2008) are publically available on the Community Cabinet page of PM&C's website. They can be accessed via the following link:

http://www.pmc.gov.au/community_cabinet/meetings/index.cfm

A record of questions asked and responses given in the public forum sessions at the seven Community Cabinet meetings prior to Launceston is at Attachment 1.

Transcripts were not produced for these first Community Cabinet meetings and the attached record is based only on notes taken at the meetings by PM&C staff.

To that extent the attached records may not comprehensively reflect questions asked and answered.