

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**  
**Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice**  
**Budget Estimates May 2017**  
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**Question No: 222**

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**Topic: Improper Interference**

**Senator O'Neill, Deborah asked:**

**Senator O'NEILL:** Mr Morrow, Senator Dastyari has consistently said throughout his questioning that the Senate finding was that there was improper interference. Do you agree that NBN Co was guilty of an improper interference with the parliament?

**Mr Morrow:** Senator, I think you are getting into a technical aspect of it—

**CHAIR:** We have just gone through this for 40 minutes with Senator Dastyari.

**Senator O'NEILL:** It is a simple question.

**Mr Morrow:** I am happy to take that on notice to give you an answer.

**Senator O'NEILL:** So, yes or no?

**Answer:**

It is not nbn's role to pass judgement or opinion on this matter. This matter was the subject of an investigation by the Senate Standing Committee of Privileges and it has delivered its report which explains the basis on which it found that while an improper interference occurred, it did not recommend a finding of contempt and found that nbn's staff had acted under the direction of the AFP at all times.