

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**  
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**Topic: Union Funding and Ministerial Appointments, Appointments to Boards or other Senior Roles**

**Senator RUSTON asked:**

The inevitable question: did your agency provide any funding to unions during the past three years?

**Mr Clarke:** Not to my knowledge, but I will double-check the answer to that question.

**Senator RUSTON:** Were there any last minute decisions to have any ministerial appointments, appointments to boards or other senior roles in the period immediately prior to the caretaker mode that you are aware of?

**Mr Clarke:** There are none that immediately come to mind, but that is a question on which I will be able to check the records and give you a precise answer.

**Senator RUSTON:** Thank you.

**Topic: Union Funding**

**Answer:**

No.

**Topic: Ministerial Appointments, Appointments to Boards or other Senior Roles**

**Answer:**

No.