

Senate Select Committee on COVID-19

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

Topic: Conflicts of Interest – Ms Catherine Tanna

Senator: Siewert

Question reference number: 0138

Type of question: Written

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Question:

Has co-commissioner Catherine Tanna, who is Managing Director of Energy Australia, which has a 20% stake in the Narrabri gas project going ahead - made a disclosure to PM&C around conflicts of interest of that project? If so, please describe the nature of those disclosures.

Answer:

The arrangements for managing the potential for conflicts of interest relating to members of the National COVID-19 Coordination Commission (the Commission) are detailed in the answer to Question on Notice 0003.

The Commission members' declarations are provided in confidence and contain sensitive personal information related to themselves and members of their immediate families, the disclosure of which may unreasonably infringe the privacy of the individuals concerned.

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Topic: Mr Andrew Liveris – shareholdings or contractual relationships

Senator: Siewert

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Question:

Has Andrew Liveris provided to PM&C the existence of any shareholdings or contractual relationships with Santos, Energy Australia, APA Group, Origin or Jemena? If so, please describe the nature of those disclosures.

Answer:

Refer to the response to Question on Notice 0071.

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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Department/Agency: Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

Topic: Potential conflict of interest – request for details

Senator: Siewert

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Question:

In a previous Committee hearing on May 13, Mr Peter Harris, CEO of the NCCC, stated that there had been one instance of a potential conflict of interest raised during a meeting. Please advise who that involved and what the potential conflict regarded?

Answer:

Refer to the response to Question on Notice 0013.

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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

Topic: Commissioners' responsibilities

Senator: Siewert

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Question:

Will Commissioners who feature in Prime Minister and Cabinet's organisational chart be subject to the same responsibilities as other public servants in the Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act?

Answer:

Refer to the response to Question on Notice 0096.

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Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

Topic: Stakeholders' meetings

Senator: Siewert

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Question:

Please provide a list of all stakeholders that the Commission and Working Group have met with.

Answer:

Refer to the response to Question on Notice 0091.