

Senate Standing Committees on Finance and Public Administration

Inquiry into management and assurance of integrity by consulting services (Consulting services)

KPMG response to Questions on Notice received on 19 October 2023 from Senator Barbara Pocock

- Q. On 17 October 2023, the Australian Financial Review reported an-ex big four accounting firm partner is alleged to have promoted a tax exploitation scheme. Was this partner at KPMG? If so:**
- a. Provide their name, position, team.**
 - b. Are they continuing to receive financial benefits from KPMG, including, but not limited to, retirement payments?**
 - c. Why did the partner retire?**
 - d. Was the partner forced to retire?**
 - e. Did the partner sign an NDA on retirement?**
 - f. Were any other KPMG personnel involved in the tax exploitation scheme, and if so, who?**
 - g. Did KPMG investigate any other partners or staff in relation to this matter? If so, who?**
 - h. Did KPMG sanction any other partners or staff in relation to this matter? If so, who?**
 - i. Did KPMG report this matter or any individuals involved in this matter to any regulators, government agencies or professional bodies? If so, which organisations and when?**
 - j. Has KPMG reviewed the matter internally or externally? If so, please provide the review and all documents relating to the review.**
 - k. When was KPMG leadership first made aware of the issue? Who was made aware?**
 - l. Provide a copy of all correspondence and documents, including, but not limited to, emails, text/WhatsApp messages, letters, photos, relating to the tax exploitation scheme.**
 - m. Provide a timeline of the matter, including but not limited to, the actions of the ex-partner, when KPMG was made aware of the matter, all communication KPMG had in relation to the matter internally and with government agencies and regulators.**
 - n. Name the 7 clients the scheme was marketed to.**
 - o. What fees did KPMG obtain from marketing the scheme?**
 - p. The Financial Review reported the partner ran the scheme "by a number of partners who advised it was a common arrangement." Name these partners, including their position and team.**
 - q. The Financial Review reported WhatsApp messages between the ex-partner and another individual. Name the other individual, including their position and team.**

KPMG Response

- 1** We do not believe this is a current or former partner of KPMG. KPMG has not received any communication on this matter.