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Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications

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Topic: Media release by the Shareholder Ministers
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Senator Pauline HANSON asked:

Senator HANSON: There was a media release by the shareholder ministers with regard to the statement of Ms Holgate standing down. That was put out at 5.25 pm on 22 October. The board didn't finish the meeting in which they were discussing Christine Holgate standing down until 6.20. How could the shareholder ministers possibly put out a media statement at 5.25, when the board hadn't finished their deliberations? Can anyone answer that?

Mr Windeyer: I can take that on notice, but I don't think we were involved—

Senator HANSON: I'd like an answer from the minister, if you can't answer me. I want to know who gave the authority to put it out, when no determination had been made at that time by the board?

Mr Windeyer: All I can do is take that on notice.

Answer:

Shareholder Ministers' agreed to release the media statement on 22 October 2020.