

Senate Finance and Public Administration References Committee

Attorney-General's Department

Question date: 23 March 2023

Barbara Pocock asked the following question:

The following questions relate to the below consulting/accounting firms that will be referred to as the "Big 7." If answering in the affirmative to any of the below questions, specify which of the Big 7 firms you are referring to.

- Deloitte
- EY
- KPMG
- PwC
- McKinsey
- Boston Consulting
- Accenture

10. Are any former partners of each of the Big 7 employed at [agency]?
11. Are any of these former partners receiving ongoing payments from their former association with these firms, including as part of any retirement plans?
12. Has [agency] established if these ongoing payments are tied to the financial performance these firms?
13. Are any former partners of each of the Big 7 appointed to any boards or sub-committees of [agency]?
14. Are any of these former partners receiving ongoing payments from their former association with these firms, including as part of any retirement plans?
15. Has [agency] established if these ongoing payments are tied to the financial performance these firms?
16. Are any former partners of the Big 7 involved in any policy consultation committees, panels or other formal processes at [agency]?
17. Are any of these former partners receiving ongoing payments from their former association with these firms, including as part of any retirement plans?
18. Has [agency] established if these ongoing payments are tied to the financial performance these firms?

The response to the question is as follows:

10. The department does not record details of former employment of its employees.
11. The department does not record this information, however, all staff are required to declare conflicts of interest.
There have been no conflicts declared which indicate any employees of the department are receiving ongoing payments from the identified firms.
12. Not applicable.

13. The department does not record information of former employment of members appointed to any of the department's boards or sub-committees.
14. The department does not record this information, however all board and sub-committee members are required to declare conflicts of interest. There have been no conflicts declared by board and sub-committee members relating to ongoing payments from the identified firms.
15. Not applicable.
16. The department does not record this information, however, those involved in any policy consultation committees, panels or other formal processes are required to declare conflicts of interests. No such conflicts have been declared to the department.
17. Not applicable.
18. Not applicable.