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Questions on Notice, Consulting services inquiry, Senator David Pocock

We refer to the following sets of Questions on Notice to PwC Australia (PwC Australia) from questions from Senator David Pocock received on 14 February 2024 with a due date of 6 March 2024.

Please contact me if you would like to discuss our response.

Yours faithfully

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Written Questions on Notice from Senator David Pocock due 6 March 2024

1. How many sponsored parliamentary passes do your staff hold, giving them access to APH?
2. Who are the members or senators who sponsor those passes?

To the best of our knowledge and having made relevant inquiries, no partners or staff of PwC Australia hold sponsored parliamentary passes.

3. What partnership arrangements or strategic alliances do you have with big tech companies like Microsoft, SAP and others?
4. What is the scope of these partnerships/alliances?
5. What financial incentives are attached to these partnerships/alliances – in what way is your firm rewarded by a partnering tech company when you work on a project above the line that favours, or results in, the use of their capabilities below the line?

Information regarding our strategic alliances can be found on our website:

<https://www.pwc.com/us/en/technology/alliances.html>

Commercial arrangements with our strategic alliance partners is confidential and commercially sensitive information.

6. How many times in the last five years have you consulted above the line on a project for which one of your partner tech companies then delivered the capability below the line?
7. How many times over the last five years has your firm been involved in delivering a government project in both an above-the-line and below-the-line capacity?

We do not ordinarily collect the information requested above. Further, commercial arrangements with our clients and our strategic alliance partners is confidential and commercially sensitive information.

PwC Australia has conflict management frameworks in place to identify and mitigate any risks that might arise from actual or perceived conflicts that emerge throughout our engagements.

Specific to technology advisory work with Australian governments, in November 2023, PwC Australia divested its federal and state government consulting business to Allegro Funds. Our engagement with federal and state government and public sector entities is now restricted as agreed as part of the transaction with Allegro.