

THE SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE INTO THE SCRUTINY OF GOVERNMENT BUDGET MEASURES

Melbourne Public Hearing – 11 March 2016 Questions Taken on Notice – Dr Peter Craig

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Senator KIM CARR: Finally, in your experience, how many people in management positions are using private emails to communicate with one another?

Dr Craig: I was shocked when I heard that on Tuesday, but since then I have found out that it was down to the level of research directors. In Oceans and Atmosphere there are five people at that level. There would be two people above that, so there is the director—

Senator KIM CARR: So seven people were using it—

Dr Craig: At least.

Senator KIM CARR: Are you able to tell me when that process started?

Dr Craig: I have no idea.

Senator KIM CARR: Are you able to tell me if there was a directive issued?

Dr Craig: Certainly to the level of research directors there was.

Senator KIM CARR: There was a directive?

Dr Craig: They were told to use private email.

Senator KIM CARR: Do you know who issued that directive?

Dr Craig: I cannot tell you that. I do not know that.

Senator KIM CARR: On notice, are you able to tell me the date on which that was

issued?

ANSWER:

The request to Research Directors in Oceans And Atmosphere to use private email was made verbally at a meeting on 28 November by Dr Andreas Schiller (Deputy Director) and Dr Ken Lee (Director).