

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

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**Senator:** Farrell, Don

**Question:**

Senator FARRELL: How many briefs did the department prepare and provide to the former minister regarding the relationship between the AOC president, John Coates, and the ASC chairman, John Wylie?

Mr Bowles: I am not aware. I would have to take that on notice.

Senator FARRELL: You do not happen to know, Ms Palmer?

Ms Palmer: No. I would have to take that on notice.

Mr Bowles: It would have been an issue that would have been dealt with in the department as opposed to the ASC, I believe, but I will take that on notice.

Senator FARRELL: You cannot recall anything coming across your desk about it?

Mr Bowles: I can probably recall about one piece of correspondence, but I would have to take on notice to check what else might have happened.

Senator FARRELL: When you are doing that, if you do not know the answer to this question, did the former minister at any stage meet with Mr Coates and/or Mr Wylie, either separately or together, to mediate the dispute between the two gentlemen?

Mr Bowles: I think we are jumping to an end point. Then Minister Ley would have met with John Wylie on a number of occasions. She would have met with Mr Coates as well, I am sure. In relation to any other issue about contention between the two, I am not sure there was any real contention between the two that Minister Ley would have intervened in. I am happy to take on notice to check on if they met together. I am not aware of them ever meeting together, but, as I said, I do not manage the minister's diary. We will see what information we have.

**Answer:**

The Department of Health does not have access to the former Minister for Health, the Hon Sussan Ley's diaries and is not aware of any meetings convened regarding the relationship between Mr Coates and Mr Wylie.

The Department did not prepare any briefs for the former Minister specifically regarding the relationship between Mr John Coates and Mr John Wylie.