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Topic: Problem Gambling

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Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

At the time of consultations with Oakton regarding potential or perceived conflict of interest, were you aware that there had been requests to the Minister's Office from Mr Lion from the *Daily Telegraph*, specifically in relation to conflict of interest issues? Were you also aware that there had been a request made from Mr Joe Kelly from the *Australian* on 24 January?

Answer:

The Department was not aware of specific requests made to the Minister's Office by Mr Lion and Mr Kelly.

The Minister's media release of 22 January 2012 included an offer to Clubs ACT ('the Offer') with the condition that all venues would need to enter in an agreement requiring that no Commonwealth funding would be used to support political donations.

Following the announcement, the Department contacted Oakton on 27 January 2012 seeking specific advice on how best to give effect to the condition in the Offer when entering into agreements with clubs.