

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Senator: Polley, Helen

Question:

Senator POLLEY: Did the department provide any advice to the government on a possible deal with the ADIA? Mr Bowles: I think we will go back to what we said about the other one. Up until caretaker we provided advice, post caretaker we backed out, and we came back in subsequent to the election and we deliver whatever advice to the government of the day.

Senator POLLEY: Is the department aware of any of personal relationships between the Diagnostic Imaging Association and the minister's staff at the time of the deal?

Mr Bowles: It is not a question I can answer.

Senator POLLEY: You are not aware, then, or—

Mr Bowles: I am not aware of any, but it is not a question that I can truly answer, whether they are there or not. It is the minister's office.

Senator POLLEY: Perhaps it might be appropriate for Senator Nash. Are you aware of the personal relationship with minister's staff and the ADIA, and were there any steps taken to manage that conflict of interest?

Senator Nash: I am not aware of any of that.

Senator POLLEY: Are you willing to take that on notice?

Senator Nash: I can do that for you.

Answer:

This is a matter for the Minister's Office.