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Topic: Mr Morrow – former employment

Senator Conroy asked:

Senator Conroy: Thank you, Chair. As I said, I am assuming it is a legal requirement of the United States that the president, the board and the CEO of a company sign off on its annual budget.

Mr Morrow: I think that is a fair assumption to make.

Senator Conroy: Which would mean that you would have signed off on the 2008 budget, unless you broke the corporate law, which I am not for a moment alleging.

Mr Morrow: Again, I will not comment on anything to do during that period of time with that case.

Senator Conroy: Senator Fifield, did the minister seek any further information about the issues that Mr Morrow raised? I appreciate it if you take that on notice. I am happy for you to take it on notice.

Senator Fifield: Sure. I will take that on notice.

Answer:

The Government and Department was aware of this issue including through the declaration provided by Mr Morrow as part of the appointment process. The Department is unable to comment on any additional information sought by the Minister.