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Topic: ABC and SBS board appointments

Senator Urquhart asked:

1. Was paperwork for the reappointment of Joseph Skrzynski as Chair of SBS prepared for the Minister to sign and submit to Cabinet?
2. Was paperwork for the reappointment of Elleni Bereded-Samuel to the Board of SBS prepared for the Minister to sign and submit to Cabinet?
3. Was paperwork for the reappointment of Julianne Schultz to the Board of ABC prepared for the Minister to sign and submit to Cabinet?
4. When was the Department advised that each of Joseph Skrzynski, Elleni Bereded-Samuel and Julianne Schultz would not be re-appointed to their respective Boards and that there was therefore a vacancy to be advertised?

Answer:

1. Formal processes for approval of board members takes place once a decision to re-appoint a member is made, or following consideration of candidates recommended by the Nomination Panel.
The Minister wrote to Mr Skrzynski, Ms-Bereded-Samuel and Ms Schultz on 5 December 2013 advising them that they would not be reappointed to the Board. The Department would have been aware of the decision shortly before this date.
2. See above at Question 1.
3. See above at Question 1.
4. See above at Question 1.