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Topic: Mr Lewis

Senator Dastyari asked:

Okay. Let us take a step back. What was the process for the appointment of Mr Lewis? Is that something you can take on notice? You did not do it, so I understand if you want to take that—

Senator Fifield: That is right—it was an appointment by government.

Senator Dastyari: Was it a cabinet appointment?

Senator Fifield: I will take that on notice. We can certainly ask the secretary of the department when he is here a little bit later.

Answer:

The Efficiency Study was undertaken by the Department of Communications with the assistance of Mr Peter Lewis, former Chief Financial Officer of Seven West Media, in the capacity of a specialist adviser.

Mr Lewis was contracted through a request for quotation process by the Department. The details of the contract were published on Austender on 17 February 2014.