

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**

**Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice**

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**Topic: Ms Sharobeem-Vetting**

**Senator Abetz, Eric asked:**

**Mr Ebeid:** I assume, just to finish off on that topic, you are aware that she does not work for SBS?

**Senator ABETZ:** Yes, I am aware of that, but I was surprised at her appointment and what I believe to be—how can I describe it—unfortunate discoveries of elements of her—

**Mr Ebeid:** As surprising as it was for us as well.

**Senator ABETZ:** Having understood each other on that, can you please take on notice what vetting procedure was undertaken to ascertain the veracity of certain claims to qualifications, et cetera?

**Answer:**

Ms Sharobeem went through a regular recruitment process, including reference checks.

Neither of Ms Sharobeem's two claimed degrees had any bearing or relevance to the job she was hired to perform at SBS. As Community Engagement Manager with SBS Radio, Ms Sharobeem was hired based on her relationships and experience in community relations.