

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications
Legislation Committee**

Answers to questions on notice
Environment and Energy portfolio

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Senator Reynolds asked:

Was Mr Spies afforded procedural fairness with respect to the allegations and/or concerns raised against him and/or his reports? What communication did the Department have with Mr Spies in relation to relaying information to him? Was a letter of explanation provided to Mr Spies in relation to the rejection of his applications/reports and was he provided with the opportunity to respond to any concerns or allegations?

Answer:

In this case, the Department does not consider it appropriate to provide the information, as that would involve disclosure of sensitive information.