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Dr Marshall: The board has the power to override any determination that I make. But as a practical matter, there will be a discussion and they will want to understand why—

Senator KIM CARR: Sure, but that would not have happened, would it? There has been no overriding of recommendations?

Dr Marshall: The board do not always have the same view.

Senator KIM CARR: No, but you would know in the two years that—

Dr Marshall: Yes, but what I am saying is that there has never been a case of the board saying, 'No, you're wrong and we'll change it.' It has been more a discussion, 'Do you really think this or that?'

Senator KIM CARR: I see. Have there been any recommendations altered after discussion with the board in your time?

Dr Marshall: Yes.

Senator KIM CARR: How many?

Dr Marshall: A small number and a small tweak to the numbers—

Senator KIM CARR: Can you take that on notice please? What the small number is. It should not be hard to work out if it is a small number.

Dr Marshall: Sure.

ANSWER

During Dr Marshall's term as Chief Executive in 2014/15 and 2015/16 the Board has not changed recommendations relating to performance scores.