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Topic: Appointment of Taxation Commissioner

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Senator BUSHBY asked:

Senator BUSHBY: Thank you. Mr Quigley, I note that the commissioner is not here tonight and I understand he has other obligations. His term expires in January next year, as I understand it. What process is in place for his reappointment or the appointment of a replacement, if he chooses not to apply?

Mr Quigley: That is something for government. I have no say in that or a role to play.

Senator Wong: I will take that on notice.

Senator BUSHBY: I am just curious because I have not heard anything or read anything about that position. I am aware that the seven-year term expires in January of next year.

Answer:

Details on the appointment of the Commissioner of Taxation can be found in two recent press releases from the Deputy Prime Minister and Treasurer.

- *Press release no 102: Conclusion of term for Tax Commissioner Mr Michael D'Ascenzo AO*
(<http://www.treasurer.gov.au/wmsDisplayDocs.aspx?doc=pressreleases/2012/102.htm&pageID=003&min=wms&Year=&DocType=0>)
- *Press release no 111: Appointment of Mr Chris Jordan AO as Commissioner of Taxation*
(<http://www.treasurer.gov.au/wmsDisplayDocs.aspx?doc=pressreleases/2012/111.htm&pageID=003&min=wms&Year=&DocType=0>)