

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2013-2014**

Outcome 4 - Workplace Relations & Economic Strategy

Department of Employment Question No. EM0118_14

Senator Bernardi asked on 21 November 2013 , Hansard page 57

Question

Appointment of Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency Commissioner

Senator BERNARDI: I will. The department is responsible for the appointment of Mr Tighe—is that correct? Ms Parker: The Minister is responsible. The department managed to the process, though. Senator BERNARDI: Thus, one would presume they would have done due diligence in the process of an appointment? Senator CAMERON: It is a standard that was set by the Coalition. Ms Parker: I have to say that the process was undertaken pre my time. The process was undertaken through a merit selection process. I can take you through that. I am not aware of whether due diligence was undertaken. I can take that on notice and check.

Answer

As part of the appointment process, a due diligence process is conducted for all appointments and was done so by the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations for the appointment of Mr Tighe as the Chief Executive Officer of the Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency.