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Outcome 2 - Workplace Relations and Economic Strategy

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Senator Urquhart asked on 22 October 2015 on proof Hansard page 48

Question

Appointment of Director, Workplace Gender Equality Agency

Senator URQUHART: Was there a cabinet process for the appointment?

Ms Parker: It is in accordance with the cabinet handbook. I think it was not a requirement to go to cabinet for this. Each agency has different requirements under its own legislation, so it is not a simple answer. I will put it on notice, if you do not mind.

Senator URQUHART: That would be good. That is all I have.

Answer

The Cabinet Handbook provides that the Prime Minister determines whether or not Cabinet consideration is required for significant appointments. In line with this requirement, the appointment of Ms Lyons as Director of Workplace Gender Equality was brought to the Prime Minister's attention and was considered by Cabinet.