

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

QUESTION ON NOTICE

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Senator Collins, Jacinta asked on 20 October 2016, Proof Hansard page 10

Internal Audit

Question

Senator JACINTA COLLINS: Can you describe for me the department's internal audit requirements and guidelines and inform the committee of the membership of the internal audit committee?

Dr Bruniges: Yes, I can. First of all, Tony Cook is the chair of our internal audit committee. I might get him to describe the membership of that audit committee. He has both external and internal people on that. It has a charter, which I agree to, for that audit committee. They have regular meetings and they discuss a range of issues, but I might hand over to Mr Cook for more detail.

Mr Cook: I will take the actual individual names on notice, but effectively we have three external members. We have two internal members. We have a member from another APS department. The ANAO plays a role in actually attending. They are not formal members as such but they attend all meetings as part of their work.

Answer

The Secretary's Instructions (SI), issued under section 20A of the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013*, include the framework for internal audit under SI1.4 *Audit*.

The Internal Audit Charter covers the requirements and functions of Internal Audit.

Refer to SQ16-000818 for copies of these two documents.

The Audit Committee membership is provided at Attachment A.