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Question:

Senator JACINTA COLLINS: Senator Abetz, can I ask if you are aware of that process?

Senator Abetz: The difficulty is that I think Mr McPhee is irreplaceable. But, more seriously, I do not think I have a brief on where we are at.

Senator JACINTA COLLINS: Could I ask that you take that on notice?

Senator Abetz: Yes, of course I will.

Senator JACINTA COLLINS: Who will be involved in the process? And, if the position is not filled by the time Mr McPhee retires, what processes are in place to ensure that the ANAO continues its very excellent work?

Senator Abetz: I have just had confirmed that it is possible to appoint an acting Auditor-General, but of course we would want a permanent replacement.

Senator JACINTA COLLINS: As soon as possible.

Senator Abetz: Yes. I will provide you with information on notice as to where we are at.

Answer:

The processes to appoint the Auditor-General are being administered by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet. The decision on the appointment of the next Auditor-General will be a matter for the Government and the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit.