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Senator: Senator the Hon Penny Wong

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Question:

Senator WONG: Before the recommendation goes to the Governor-General that a person be appointed Secretary of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, a report must be received by the Prime Minister from the Public Service Commissioner. I asked a question about the timing of this report and that has not been answered. Can you tell me—given that this is statutory requirement—when the Prime Minister received a report about the appointment from the Public Service Commissioner?

Ms Kelly: I do not have the exact date, but it was a very short time before the appointment was made. I can get the exact date for you.

Answer:

The report to the Prime Minister by the former Australian Public Service Commissioner was dated 24 October 2014.