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Senator: Senator the Hon Joe Ludwig

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Question:

Senator LUDWIG: Is the involvement of the Australian Public Service Commissioner in the report, under section 59, available to the committee?

Senator Cormann: As I have indicated the Australian Public Service Commissioner, Mr Lloyd, appeared last night. I am obviously very happy to assist in relation to those questions but I would have to take them on notice to refer them to the APSC.

Answer:

The report from the Secretary of the Prime Minister's Department about the proposed termination of the appointment of the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture was prepared after consultation with the Australian Public Service Commissioner, in accordance with section 59 of the *Public Service Act 1999*. The Secretary of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet consulted the Australian Public Service Commissioner orally.