Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

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Question:

Senator WONG: So all correspondence to you about staffing was signed off by the chief of staff?

Senator Abetz: That is to the best of my recollection, but I am happy to come back to the committee if that is not correct.

Senator WONG: I have a bit more on this. I will go to Senator Siewert in a second, but I have just one question. Are there people on the committee who are not members of parliament or staffers?

Senator Abetz: Not that I can think of, but I will take that on notice.

Answer:

Mr Loughane has been invited to attend on an occasional basis given his experience as a former Chief of Staff to a Cabinet Minister and in the private sector.