

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
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Senator: Senator the Hon Penny Wong

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Question:

With reference to Ms Kelly's evidence to the committee on 19 October 2015 that in relation to the FOI request designated by the department as FOI/2015/074 "It is up to me to decide what is in the public interest in the FOI matter":

For what periods was Ms Kelly a decision-maker in relation to the request.

What role did Ms Kelly play in relation to the request.

Answer:

As outlined in the response to Senate Parliamentary Question on Notice 2589, the original decision-maker was the Assistant Secretary, Ministerial and Parliamentary Support Branch. However, due to operational reasons, the First Assistant Secretary, Ministerial Support Division, became the decision-maker from 17 September 2015.

In accordance with the Department's FOI business rules, Ms Kelly, in her capacity as the Deputy Secretary Governance, is informed of:

- all FOI matters which are relevant to Divisions in her group
- any decisions where there are documents to be released, or
- sensitive decisions (with or without documents).