

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS

BUDGET ESTIMATES 2017

Administrative Appeals Tribunal

Question No. BE17-087

Senator O'Sullivan asked the following question on 25 May 2017:

Senator O'SULLIVAN: Who sent a further communique—

Ms Leathem: To the publications team.

Senator O'SULLIVAN: to Mr Matthies's section. Was the communique to Mr Matthies?

Ms Leathem: No.

Senator O'SULLIVAN: It was not. So it was to one of his subordinates?

Ms Leathem: Mr Matthies manages many teams, of which that section is just one.

Senator O'SULLIVAN: So is that section led by a team leader in the hierarchy of things?

Mr Matthies: Yes. That section is led by an assistant director.

Senator O'SULLIVAN: And the assistant director's name is?

Mr Matthies: It is on an acting basis. It is Sametha Pullparin.

Senator O'SULLIVAN: Well, relative to the date of this, 21 October 2016. Who would have been the assistant director on 21 October 2016?

Mr Matthies: I would need to confirm, but I understand it would be Sandra Kerr.

The response to the honourable Senator's question is as follows:

On 21 October 2016, the Assistant Director of the AAT's Decision Publications Team was Ms Sandra Kerr. Ms Kerr was on leave on that day.