

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Finance Portfolio

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Topic: Staff Appointment (Mr Furnival)

Senator: Wong

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Question:

Senator WONG: Strategic Issues Management, which I think was the shareholding company—so the company which owned Australian Public Affairs. Mr Furnival was a director of Strategic Issues Management, which wholly owned Australian Public Affairs, which is the lobbying company. So I am asking you again: when did you become aware of that fact?

Senator Ronaldson: I will take it on notice.

Senator WONG: Was the staffing committee aware of that fact when it approved his appointment?

Senator Ronaldson: I will take both those questions on notice.

Answer:

Consistent with the Statement of Standards for Ministerial Staff, members of staff are required to provide a statement of their private interests to their employing Minister and the Special Minister of State. This information relates to the personal affairs of an individual staff member. It is provided on a confidential basis and it is not practice, of either past or present governments, to divulge personal information about individual staff.