

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES 2013-2014**

Finance Portfolio

**Department/Agency:** Department of Finance

**Outcome/Program:** 3.1

**Topic:** Directorship and Statement of Standards (Mr Furnival)

**Senator:** Wong

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**Question:**

**Senator Ronaldson:** I have said to you that I will take on notice your allegation in relation to retention of directorships. What I am saying to you is that I will take on notice whether there was a continuing directorship that may or may not have been required. You are putting to me that it was required. I am putting to you that it is hypothetical until I ascertain whether what you have put to me is correct or not correct.

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**Senator Ronaldson:** Yes, and I have no intention of discussing the internal workings of this matter. What am saying to you again, though, is that you have put a statement of fact to me which has not been identified as being correct. I will take it on notice and ascertain whether your question in relation to paragraph 6 of the statement of standards is reasonable.

**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.