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Senator: Dastyari

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Question:

Senator DASTYARI: There were a series of statements that were provided to you at the start of the process.

Mr Tune: Correct.

Senator DASTYARI: And then you deemed that these statements did not warrant anything further. There was a discussion about whether or not you were prepared to release those statements.

Mr Tune: I reflected on that over the lunch period. To date, we have not done that. Basically, there is a lot of private information in them that I do not think I can put on the public record, not at least until I have the agreement of the individuals concerned. So I think I will just have to take that on notice for the moment.

Senator DASTYARI: Okay, we will take that on notice for the time being. I think I know what your answer is going to be, but that is fine. I just wanted to make sure that they were not released and I had missed the question on notice, which was not the case.

Mr Tune: No. As I said before lunch, we released the template that they fill out but not the contents.

Answer:

To release the conflict of interest statements completed by the Commissioners of the National Commission of Audit would unreasonably disclose information relating to their personal affairs.