

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

Additional Estimates 24-28 February 2014

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

**Department/Agency:** Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

**Outcome/Program:** 1.1 Prime Minister and Cabinet

**Topic:** Renewable Energy Target Review

**Senator:** Senator Scott Ludlam

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**Question:**

Senator LUDLAM: I will put a couple on notice, if I may. What conflicts of interest were declared to the department in relation to shareholdings or income from other sources, including lobbying, consultancy or directorship work during your review process?

Mr Hazlehurst: We will take that on notice.

Senator LUDLAM: Has the department taken any steps to resolve or otherwise deal with any declared interests? The media has picked up on some. I was wondering whether the department picked up on any?

Mr Hazlehurst: We will take that on notice, too.

**Answer:**

In line with usual practice for appointments, the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C) sought a declaration of private interests, which includes declaring potential conflicts of interest.

The form asks proposed applicants to declare any potential conflicts of interest, including financial interest. Should a conflict of interest be declared, the proposed appointee needs to advise how this conflict will be managed.

In relation to any issues identified, PM&C was satisfied that the proposed handling strategy was appropriate.