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SENATOR Moore asked the Minister for Human Services, upon written notice:

Senator MOORE—In terms of the proposition that when KAZ was on their part of the panel it was clear from the time they went on that they could auspice KPMG to be part of the process, I am interested whether any of the others knew that ACME Engineering would be able to be if you used one of them.

Mr Leeper—I would be very surprised if the KAZ-KPMG arrangement was the only one in that panel grouping. I think that is just how these panel arrangements work—companies cross leverage.

Senator MOORE—I would just like to know who else is on the panel, but not publicly.

Mr Leeper—We can certainly check that for you.

Answer:

The Department of Human Services initially engaged two panellists with "partners":

1. KAZ Technology Services, partnering with:
 - BearingPoint;
 - KPMG; and
 - Lizard Drinking Pty Ltd.
2. IISM, partnering with:
 - PA Consulting.

IISM is no longer a panellist.

The deed the Department of Human Services has with every panelist makes provision for them to subcontract in appropriate circumstances with the approval of the Department of Human Services.

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