

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES 2011-2012

Attorney-General's Portfolio

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Outcome/Program:

Topic: Conflict of interests in agencies

Senator: Senator Rhiannon

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Question:

Does the OAIC see any conflict of interest or other difficulties arising from its arrangements with various government agencies that involve direct funding by those agencies of both policy advice and consultation and compliance monitoring/auditing activity?

Answer:

No. The three Commissioners of the OAIC understand the nature of their statutory independence and ensure that it is safeguarded in all the activities of the OAIC.