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Question No: 220

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Topic: AFP Raids

Senator Dastyari, Sam asked:

Senator DASTYARI: Mr Morrow, on notice would you provide, in detail, the time line around when and how different members of the executive were made aware. When was the board notified and when was the board discussion? What happened post the discussions of the board? We have already identified that after this a statement was issued. Were there any other activities? Was there a briefing provided to other members of staff aside from the board? Has there been any further discussion? It would concern me greatly if we were to find that the only action, after being found by a Senate committee to have engaged in improper interference, was that a press release that went for three paragraphs was issued. We can discuss that once you have had the opportunity to provide the answers to those questions on notice.

Mr Morrow: Okay. A point of correction: it was a response to an inquiry from the journalist; it was not a press release that was issued. It is really important here to remember that the committee found that there was no intent by NBN and that NBN in fact acted in good faith—it was under the direction AFP; hence the reason that there was no contempt. Everything we did was proper. My statement to you saying we would not change anything—

Answer:

Please see response to QoN 218. There was a discussion at the next Board meeting that followed the release of the report.