

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
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Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000012

Senator Carr, Kim asked on 10 February 2016, Proof Hansard page 13

Lisa Paul's appointment to the Navitas Board

Question

Mr Cook: It would have been when the announcement was made.

Senator KIM CARR: So that was the first time—

Mr Cook: It was when the announcement was made.

Senator KIM CARR: So there was no other prior advice to the department?

Mr Cook: In relation to what?

Senator KIM CARR: The appointment—that Ms Paul had accepted a position on the Navitas board.

Mr Cook: I will have to take on notice the dates in relation to it. As I said, in terms of the actual appointment, it was when the announcement was made.

Senator KIM CARR: It was a public announcement. So the first time you became aware—

Mr Cook: Ms Paul had indicated to me that the board had expressed interest in her, knowing that the announcement of her retirement had been made earlier. At that point, Ms Paul advised me that she would not be involved in any discussions in relation to higher education, for example. But I knew about the actual appointment when the announcement was made.

Senator KIM CARR: When did Ms Paul indicate to you that this interest had been expressed?

Mr Cook: I will have to you take that on notice, sorry.

Answer

Mr Cook was advised by Ms Paul on this matter on 6 February 2016.