

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016**

Outcome: Cross Portfolio - Corporate

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000015

Senator Carr, Kim asked on 10 February 2016.

Fulfilment of guidelines regarding Lisa Paul's new position

Question

Senator KIM CARR: It is, but I am saying that this is where the dilemma arises. I was critical of the department's engagement of the former associate secretary in what I regard as lobbying work—

Mr Cook: We engaged Nous Group.

Senator KIM CARR: Yes, the Nous Group. I am particularly interested to know whether the guidelines have been fulfilled with regard to the former secretary taking up a board position with a leading stock exchange-listed company directly engaged with this department almost immediately upon the secretary's separation from the department.

Mr Cook: I believe they have.

Senator KIM CARR: You believe they have. Can you take that on notice.

Mr Cook: I am happy to take that on notice.

Answer

The relevant guidelines have been followed in regard to the former Secretary taking up a board position with Navitas.

The Nous Group was not engaged to undertake lobbying work.