

## Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

### QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Budget Estimates 2016 - 2017

#### Outcome 2 - Workplace Relations and Economic Strategy

Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ16-000807

Senator Cameron asked on 06 May 2016 on proof Hansard page 83

#### Question

##### Review of Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency

Senator CAMERON: But who is carrying out the work for the consultancy?

Ms Parker: You mean their names?

Senator CAMERON: Yes. Who is carrying it out and what are their qualifications?

Ms Parker: I will take it on notice for the moment and try to get that information for you.

Senator CAMERON: And you can provide the terms of reference—

Ms Parker: Sorry, the reason I do not have it is that it has not started, so I was not prepared. But we can try and get that.

#### Answer

(1) Protiviti is a global business consulting and internal audit firm composed of experts specialising in risk, advisory and transaction services. The project team for the Performance and Financial Review of the Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency (ASEA) includes:

Mr Mark Harrison – Mr Harrison has overall responsibility for Protiviti's Government services nationally. He has over 20 years' experience in providing a range of internal audit, probity audit and advisory, financial and business consulting, corporate governance and assurance services to both public and private sector organisations.

Mr Gary Anderson – Mr Anderson is the Chief Executive of Protiviti in Australia, focused on internal audit, risk management, technology and governance across many industries. He has almost 30 years' experience in risk management, performing projects and leadership roles in Australia, Asia and the USA. Mr Anderson is a Board Member and Audit Committee Chair of Very Special Kids (hospice), was previously a partner at Ernst & Young and Arthur Andersen, and is a past President of Institute of Internal Auditors (Australia).

Mr Dominic Staun – Mr Staun is a professional management executive with over 25 years' experience at senior levels in major organisations in both the public and private sectors. Mr Staun was employed by the Australian Government Department of Finance and Deregulation from 1999 to 2011 in a variety of senior management roles, including Chief Financial Officer, Chief Information Officer and Deputy Secretary.

(2) The objective of the Performance and Financial Review of ASEA was to determine if ASEA's funding is sufficient for it to perform its functions under the *Asbestos Safety and Eradication Act 2013* (ASEA Act) and enable the Government to make an informed decision on long-term funding arrangements for the agency.

The Review was specifically tasked to examine:

- (a) Alignment of ASEA's current activities with its statutory functions under the ASEA Act.

- (b) The operational requirements of ASEA in the context of performing its statutory functions.
- (c) The performance and financial reporting arrangements ASEA has in place in accordance with the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013*.