

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

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Asked By: Senator Fierravanti-Wells

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Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS—It is strange because there is no logo. Was that deliberate?

Mr Terrell—I believe it was deliberate.

Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS—Is that the normal practice that has occurred in the past?

Mr Terrell—I will have to check. Yes.

Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS - Was that the normal procedure in the past and who did the interviews for this position? I am happy for the officer to just stay at the table, Mr Terrell.

Mr Terrell - If we get into a lot of these details, perhaps. The then first assistant secretary of the Ministerial Support Unit, John Cairns, chaired the panel with one other official from the support unit and I understand perhaps one other person, but I can check that, if you like.

Answer:

It has been normal procedure when advertising vacancies at the Official Establishments to do so without any identifying 'logo' or departmental crest.

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The recent interview panel for the House Manager role was chaired by John Cairns, then First Assistant Secretary of the Ministerial Support Unit. The other members were Suzanne de Smet, Assistant Director, Official Establishments Unit and the now former occupant of the House Manager position.