

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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**Senator:** McAllister, Jenny

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**Question:**

Senator McALLISTER: A permanent appointment under the act requires consultation with the Leader of the Opposition in accordance with section 11(2) of the act. Has that taken place?

Senator Brandis: I understand that it has. I understand that a letter was written to Mr Shorten to consult him in relation to the matter and that there was no objection. Mr McKinnon knows a little bit more about this than me.

Mr McKinnon: I do not know much more than that, but that is right—there has been consultation. We can take that on notice as to exactly what form that took, whether it was just a letter, if you would like.

**Answer:**

A letter was sent from the Prime Minister, the Hon Malcolm Turnbull MP, on 13 February 2017 to the Leader of the Opposition, the Hon Bill Shorten MP, to consult on his views.