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Question:

Senator McALLISTER: From a process perspective, did the functional efficiency review involve Mr Paul Shetler, the former head of the DTO?

Dr Kennedy: I presume so. I presume he would have had discussions with Mr Thodey—

Senator McALLISTER: But you do not know?

Dr Kennedy: but I do not know. I was not on the review secretariat or part of those discussions.

Senator McALLISTER: Ms O'Loughlin, are you aware?

Ms O'Loughlin: No, I am not.

Senator McALLISTER: Anyone at the table? Did the functional efficiency review make a recommendation about the position previously occupied by Mr Shetler?

Dr Kennedy: The CEO of the DTO? I do not recall it doing that, but I have to say that I am going to have to take these questions on notice. There are two issues here. One is that I do not have the detail of the functional efficiency review in front of me. The second is that the functional efficiency review, as I understand it, is a matter that is still to go through a cabinet discussion, and I have to be wary of that—for government to have that opportunity to have that discussion.

Answer:

Mr Paul Shetler was interviewed as part of the Functional and Efficiency Review for the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.

The Functional and Efficiency Review was commissioned by the Government for the purposes of Cabinet deliberation. As such, it is not appropriate for the Department to comment on its recommendations.