

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee —Budget Estimates Hearing—May 2016

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: **Conflict of interest declarations for the SES**

Question: **3**

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CHAIR: How many of your staff have updated their information in respect of the requirements?

Ms Croke: There is a requirement for all SES to update their information on an annual basis. I understand that a reminder went out at the end of last year, I think it was, or early this year, for all SES to put in written declarations. I would have to check how many have provided that. I do not have that information, but for other staff we do not actually keep a record, because the declarations might be something that comes up in the course of their duties. It might come up when they are chairing a panel. They may know, have worked closely with or be closely related to one of the people or something like that. They should declare all that in writing at the time. It may be in relation to procurement. Where there is a perceived conflict, they should declare that. I do not think we have a central register of that.

Answer

A reminder was sent out to all DPS SES on 27 November 2015, asking that they update their declaration of personal interests by COB 29 January 2016. All substantive and long-term acting SES officers have completed their annual the personal interests declaration. A total of 17 declarations have been made.