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Question:

Senator WONG: I am pleased. There are two written briefs?

Ms Cross: There was a brief early in the process, and there was a brief at the end of the process.

Senator WONG: And what did those briefs go to?

Ms Cross: The first went to the process that the secretary would go through, and the final one was to formalise the appointments of the two candidates.

Senator WONG: What was the process gone to to garner names for the nomination panel?

Ms Cross: Names were put forward from a range of sources. The department itself came up with a list of names. Other sources included the Department of Communications, and I understand there were conversations with the chair of the appointments panel. A range of sources.

Senator WONG: Can I have the dates on those briefs?

Ms Cross: I will have to take that on notice, but I can do that.

Answer:

The Secretary of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet was briefed on the appointments to the ABC and SBS Nomination Panel on four occasions. The briefs are dated 13 February 2014, 25 March 2014, 11 April 2014 and 25 June 2014.