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Group 2

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Senator Bilyk asked the following question at the hearing on 27 May 2015:

Senator BILYK: Hypothetically, then, should a minister put someone to the Prime Minister in a letter about an appointment to a board and the Prime Minister does not agree with it, would that appointment then take place?

Senator Brandis: It would all depend on the facts of the particular case and these really are matters, strictly speaking, that should be asked in the PM&C estimates—but in relation to the ministry of the arts it is not a problem that I have ever encountered.

Senator BILYK: When did the announcements on these appointments take place?

Senator Brandis: I think that these were all appointments that had to go to the Governor-General in Council. The standard practice is that the appointments are announced on the day that they have been approved by the Governor-General in Council.

Senator BILYK: Have you got a date?

Senator Brandis: No, but I can find it for you, if you like.

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

Please refer to the reply to question number BE15/004.