

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Question No: 359

Topic: Chair and Board Conduct

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Scullion asked:

I refer to Mr Morony's letter of 17 March 2010 to the Chairperson and Board of Directors of Indigenous Business Australia. The following question relates to the attachment to the letter: Paragraph 10. Is it true that on 22 September 2009 the IBA Chairperson telephoned Mr Morony on behalf of an applicant for the senior in-house IBA legal position and asked him to cancel the interview process the day before it was to take place?

Answer:

The Indigenous Business Australia (IBA) Chair was made aware that a potential conflict of interest may have existed between an applicant for the role and a member of the Interview panel constituted by management.

The Chair advised the Board of the issue and they agreed a potential conflict may exist.

Mr Morony was asked to establish a new committee. Following this the Chair had no further involvement in the recruitment.