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QUESTION No. AI-6

Senator ABETZ - Were any emails sent to him prior to the formal announcement?

Senator Carr—I have to check that. I am not aware of any.

Senator ABETZ—Or indeed any facsimile transmissions? Take it on notice.

Senator Carr—Yes, I will take it on notice. Can I say this to you? I think—

Senator ABETZ—Wait a minute. Is this in answer to a question?

Senator Carr—I am trying to assist you here. You have sought to impugn Mr Bracks's character by suggesting—

Senator ABETZ—No, I have not.

Senator Carr—that the issue of remuneration was a matter of concern to him or that we discussed those questions—

Senator ABETZ—No.

Senator Carr—The point is Mr Bracks will be paid under the normal Remuneration Tribunal arrangements. And he has never shown any interest in the remuneration issue.

Senator ABETZ—This is non-responsive to the question. This is non-responsive and it is wasting the time of the estimates. Was there a letter—sorry, we know there was not a letter. Was there a facsimile or email transmission to him indicating to him the terms under which he might be engaged prior to 13 February?

Senator Carr—I will check, but I do not believe there was.

ANSWER

No.