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Senator Eggleston asked:

Senator EGGLESTON—Will Tourism Australia or the minister at the table, even on notice, explain the circumstances around why the deputy chair, Mr Andrew Burnes, left the board, and did he leave voluntarily?

Mr Pierce—So you have asked for that on notice, Senator?

Senator EGGLESTON—No, I would rather have an answer now. If you could provide us with an answer now I would appreciate it.

Mr Pierce—I am not in a position to answer that, I am afraid, at the moment. I am perfectly happy to take it on notice and provide it to you.

Senator EGGLESTON—If you could do it on notice I would be grateful. Thank you.

Answer:

Andrew Burnes was appointed to the Tourism Australia Board effective from 1 July 2004 for a period of three (3) years, expiring 30 June 2007. Effective 1 December 2006, prior to the expiry of his initial term, Mr Burnes was reappointed a director (and Deputy Chairman) with the appointment extended until 30 June 2009. As at 30 June 2009 Mr Burnes extended term expired.