

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
Innovation, Industry, Science and Research Portfolio  
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**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** INNOVATION, INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND RESEARCH

**TOPIC:** Chief Scientist of Australia

**REFERENCE:** Written Question – Senator Colbeck

**QUESTION No.:** BI - 80

**Senator Colbeck**

1. Was Professor Chubb consulted at any stage by the Department and/or the Minister or his office for his advice back in 2008 about whether Professor Sackett should be appointed as Chief Scientist?
2. Did Professor Chubb have a conversation of any kind with Professor Sackett at around the time of her appointment as Chief Scientist in 2008 about whether she should apply for and/or take the job?
3. Did Professor Chubb have any conversation at all with Professor Sackett about her resignation in the days, weeks or months leading up to that announcement?

**ANSWER**

1. The selection committee reviewing candidates for the position of Chief Scientist included Professor Chubb.
2. No.
3. No.