

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE – QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2005-2006 ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome: 1
Output Group: ARC

DEST Question No. E840_06

Senator Wong asked on 15 February 2006, EWRE Hansard page 7.

Question:

Senator WONG– Did the minister's office request that any particular name [for the Quality and Scrutiny Committee] be considered by the board?

Prof. Høj – We on this side of the table are debating whether the word 'request' or 'suggestion' is the right word. I believe 'suggestion' is the right word.

Senator WONG– Can you tell me in relation to whom the suggestion was made?

Prof. Høj –We will take that question on notice, if you do not mind.

Senator WONG–Okay. You are entitled to do that, Professor. Perhaps then, also to clarify, could you take on notice whether the three eventual community members of the committee were amongst those in relation to whom a suggestion was made by the minister's office?

Prof. Høj –Certainly.

Answer:

The ARC has provided the following response.

ARC Quality and Scrutiny Committee

The then Minister's Office suggested four people as, potentially, being suitable for appointment to the 2005 ARC Quality and Scrutiny Committee as community representatives. The ARC Board considered a range of people and made nine appointments to this Committee. The nine appointments were:

- three suggested by the then Minister's Office:
 - Sir Daryl Dawson
 - Mr Padraic (Paddy) McGuinness
 - Mr Ross Symonds
- six other members:
 - Professor Edwina Cornish
 - Professor Frank Larkins
 - Professor Daryl Le Grew (Chair)
 - Professor James Piper
 - Professor David Siddle
 - Professor Brian Stoddart

Membership of ARC Committees is reported each year in the ARC's Annual Report.