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SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2005-2006 SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome: All

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Senator Wong asked on 2 November 2005, EWRE Hansard page 79.

Question:

Was that as a result of Dr Donnelly's decision or are there probity guidelines which would prevent a government adviser within a ministerial office also being engaged under contracted consultancy with the department?

Answer:

Probity Guidelines – Dr Donnelly

Yes, this was Dr Donnelly's decision. There are probity guidelines on these issues: section 9 of the Prime Minister's *Guide on Key Elements of Ministerial Responsibility* states that "A member of staff must have no involvement in any outside employment or in the daily work of any business, and must not retain any directorship in a company, without the express agreement of the employing minister."