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Senator Mason asked on 21 October 2009, EEWR Hansard pages 11 and 12.

Question

AusTender contract notices—Speechwriting and editing by Dr Glover

Senator MASON—And you are not sure if he has written any speeches since July.

Ms Pearce—I cannot remember. He probably would have, but I do not have that information. He is part of our panel arrangement, and he has written 17 out of the 170 speeches. But you are asking me about timing and I do not know about the timing.

Senator MASON—Seventeen out of 170 speeches. For what period are we talking about?

Ms Pearce—The information I have is from April. I would have to check the dates.

Senator MASON—From April 2009?

Ms Pearce—Yes.

Senator MASON—To the present?

Ms Pearce—It may be. I cannot recall when this brief was put together, but it could have been in September or something like that.

Ms Paul—The way I understood it, that is since the panel was set up, so it probably is to now. We will have to check that he contributed to 17 out of 170.

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Ms Paul—I am not sure the string is very long in this case if he has contributed to 17 out of 170 since April. But we will need to check that for you

Answer

Under the established panel arrangements, Dr Glover completed 17 out of 170 speeches in the period April 2009 until September 2009.