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Answers to Questions on Notice

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Ms Graham—If they were the reasons for the other two people resigning, they were not brought to my attention. Generally when we have staff reps resign from the consultative forum they do not provide a reason. We generally do have an informal chat with them and I am not aware, in those two particular instances, of the staff raising concerns with the process.

Senator RONALDSON—Did you personally speak to those two reps? **Ms Graham**—I did not speak with them personally.

Senator RONALDSON—You can take it on notice please whether anyone else spoke to them in a debrief and whether they had expressed their concerns to whoever they spoke to about the consultative process and that being the reason for their resignation.

Answer

1 Follow-up discussions with the two staff representatives who resigned from the consultative committee in 2009 were undertaken by the Director Security and the Assistant Secretary Building Services. During these discussions, the staff concerned did not cite the roster review consultative process as the reason for their resignation.