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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Topic: Removal of information from Roger Beale's bio

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Senator Allison asked: -You mentioned that the convenors all have bios, and that was right. The connection that Roger Beale, who was the convenor for our group, has as Director of Connector Motorways, the Lane Cove Tunnel Project organisation, was initially published on the website and then that connection, him being Director of Connector Motorways, was subsequently removed from his biography. Can you shed some light on why that might be the case?

Mr Mrdak-I am not aware of that. I am happy to take that on notice. If there has been a change to the bio, I am certainly not aware of it.

Answer: The Prime Minister's announcement of the independent Steering Committee on 26 February 2008 included a biographical profile of Mr Roger Beale which was posted on the Prime Minister's website.

Following the Prime Minister's announcement, PM&C updated the Summit website to provide information about the role of the independent Steering Committee, including biographies of each of the co-chairs (www.australia2020.gov.au/committee).

As part of this process, Mr Beale was invited to provide a biographical profile, which was published on the Summit website on 27 February 2008. PM&C's records show that the text of Mr Beale's biography was not subsequently altered or amended on the Summit website.