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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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a) I understand that Dr Vivienne Thom has temporarily replaced Ian Carnell as Acting Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security. Does she still retain her position as Deputy Commonwealth Ombudsman?

b) When is the appointment of the new Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security expected to be made?

c) When was the position advertised?

d) For how long was it advertised?

e) How many applications have been received?

f) Have interviews commenced?

Answer:

a) Dr Vivienne Thom has retained her position as the Deputy Commonwealth Ombudsman pending the outcome of a merit selection process to identify a permanent replacement for Mr Ian Carnell as the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security (IGIS), but Dr Thom's appointment as Acting IGIS is on a full-time basis.

b-f) The position was advertised on 25 March 2010, with applications closing on 9 April 2010. Four applications were received. Interviews have been held. The timing of the announcement of an outcome is a matter for the Government to determine.