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Senator: Fifield

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Question:

- a) **Senator FIFIELD:** Do you know how many times Dr Watt met with Mr Quigley?

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Senator FIFIELD: Could you take that on notice?

- b) **Senator FIFIELD:** So Dr Watt did not ask you to undertake any research or pull together any material in relation to Mr Quigley's employment background?

Mr Edge: No, not in addition to the material he would have been provided through the executive search process.....

Senator FIFIELD: Could you take on notice whether you did?

Senator Wong: Do you want him to take on notice whether he googled?

Senator FIFIELD: Whether he googled anything about Mr Quigley which he may have had printed off for the secretary.

- c) **Senator FIFIELD:** Was there any other documentation of which you are aware that Dr Watt had before him as part of this process?

Mr Edge: Not that I can recall.

Senator FIFIELD: If you could take on notice if there were any other documents, whether it be from the department of communications and broadband or any other government agencies which Dr Watt had before him and considered as part of this process?

Answer:

- a) Dr Ian Watt AO, the then Secretary of the Department of Finance and Deregulation and Mr Simon Lewis PSM, the then Deputy Secretary of Asset Management Group met once with Mr Mike Quigley on 9 July 2009 for thirty minutes.

- b) There were no documents from an internet search about Mr Quigley provided to Dr Ian Watt AO.

- c) No documents other than material prepared by Egon Zehnder were provided to Dr Ian Watt AO.