

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
BUDGET ESTIMATES 2011-2012

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

Department/Agency: Australian Public Service Commission

Outcome/Program:

Topic: Termination of employment of Ms Wolfe

Senator: Ronaldson

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Question: What further evidence was given to you which led you to believe that you should withdraw, and at what stage were you given that advice prior to the matter being withdrawn?

Answer:

The applicant's draft Further Amended Statement of Claim and Notice to Produce of 2 November 2009, and the applicant's Further Amended Statement of Claim which was filed with the Court on 14 December 2009, caused the Commonwealth to reconsider the totality of the information that was available to Dr Gumley and Ms Briggs before they made their decisions.

The Commonwealth instructed AGS on 29 January 2010 to approach Ms Wolfe's legal representatives with a view to settling the matter. The respondents' senior counsel contacted Ms Wolfe's senior counsel on 29 or 30 January 2010 to initiate discussions in relation to settlement. Discussions and correspondence in relation to settlement continued until the matter was resolved by orders of the Federal Court made at the hearing on 8 April 2010.