

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

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Senator: Senator Ryan

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Question:

Senator RYAN: When did Dr Henry approach the relevant officer, which I assume was the Prime Minister, to seek approval for the appointment to the board of the NAB?

Ms Leon: I do not have the exact date with me, but he did discuss that with the secretary of the department and the Prime Minister before the announcement of his role on the white paper.

Senator RYAN: I would appreciate the date he discussed it with the Prime Minister and/or the Secretary of the department.

Answer:

Dr Henry advised the Secretary of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet of his intention to accept the appointment on 14 September 2011. Dr Henry advised the Prime Minister on 26 September 2011.