

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

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Senator: Senator Fierravanti-Wells

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Question:

Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS: Driven out of the Prime Minister's office. Did the Prime Minister herself or the Prime Minister's office contact Monsignor Cappelletti about the appointment?

Mr Eccles: I do not know the answer to that. I will have to take that on notice. I believe the answer is yes, but I will need to confirm that.

Answer:

In his role as Minister Assisting the Prime Minister on Mental Health Reform, the Hon Mark Butler MP has day-to-day responsibility for the National Mental Health Commission.

Mr Butler's office informed Monsignor Cappelletti about his appointment to the position of Chair of the National Mental Health Commission.