

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Senator: Senator Fierravanti-Wells

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Question:

Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS: I am happy to put them on the record for the department. When did Monsignor Cappo formally accept the position as the Mental Health Commissioner?

Mr Eccles: On 7 September.

Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS: And was he informed by the Minister or the Prime Minister's office?

Mr Eccles: I would need to check but I have a feeling that he was informed by the Minister. I will check on that.

Answer:

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

Minister Butler's office informed Monsignor Cappo of his appointment to the position of Chair of the National Mental Health Commission.