

INFORMATION COMMISSIONER - POLITICAL APPOINTMENTS

Mr P.D. OMODEI to the Attorney General:

I have a supplementary question. The Attorney General did not answer the last question about the parachuting into the FOI position of somebody out of the Department of the Premier and Cabinet when that person would have oversight of both the Department of the Premier and Cabinet and the Attorney General. Can the Attorney General not see that that is a conflict?

Mr J.A. McGINTY replied:

No. Ms Wookey's substantive position is in the Ombudsman's office. She had oversight of a range of things in that position. Professional people are more than capable of doing the job that is required of them. We needed to make sure that the person we were proposing was a permanent public servant. I understand that he was in the Premier's office in the days of Richard Court. That is what we have in mind. I do not see that there is any possible conflict of interest.