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1	<p>BRAN BLACK: For the very simple reason that Mr Coutts-Trotter made it plain that this was a public sector appointment. It wasn't a matter for Ministers.</p> <p>The Hon. DANIEL MOOKHEY: I will have to push you there, Mr Black. On the basis of that answer, a lot does turn then on when this conversation was taking place. Minister Ayres' involvement in these matters, between 22 January—literally that date—and 8 February, have been somewhat heavily interrogated by this Committee because that's the point at which we've established he was adding names to short lists and making inquiries into where things were progressing. We've also established that he was in communication with Mr Barilaro in December and/or October/November, I think, as well. So I'm going to push you again if it's possible that you can recollect or even take on notice to be able to identify when you were having this conversation with Mr Coutts-Trotter.</p> <p>BRAN BLACK: I'm happy to take it on notice but, honestly, I've tried in the course of thinking about today's appearance to narrow things down. I've tried to do that as well with respect to conversations with Ms Brown, where possible. In some instances, I've been able to by cross-referencing diaries, including with my wife's diary, but in this instance I don't think that I can. But I'm happy to take it on notice.</p> <p>The Hon. DANIEL MOOKHEY: Thank you, Mr Black. I just want to be clear, I really do appreciate the preparation that you've put in as well. It is appreciated.</p>
<p>ANSWER:</p> <p>After further consideration and review, I am unable to shed additional light on the matter.</p>	