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2. Was the Chair, Air Chief Marshall Binskin consulted or asked for his view on either the retiring members or proposed appointments?

Answer:

1. The Chair of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) Board ran a process to identify suitable candidates for the Minister's consideration to fill vacant Board positions. CASA engaged an independent third-party executive search firm to assist with this process and is responsible for exercising the relevant procurement requirements. On completion of the process, the Chair wrote to the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government with recommendations for preferred candidates to fill a vacant position on the Board.
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2. Please see the response to Question 1.