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From: Jeff Pope
Sent: Wednesday, 3 June 2026 1:33 AM
To: s 47F; Rachel Houghton; Kath Gleeson
Cc: Sally So; Rachael Spalding; s 47F
Subject: RE: FOR INFORMATION: MAS Panel - Notification of Significant Event (KPMG) [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Thanks for the below s 47F and happy for Darren to seek further assurance. I don't feel like I need to meet them at this stage.

Regards

JP

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From: s 47F
Sent: Tuesday, 2 June 2026 10:29 AM
To: Jeff Pope s 47F; Rachel Houghton s 47F; Kath Gleeson s 47F
Cc: Sally So s 47F; Rachael Spalding s 47F; s 47F
Subject: RE: FOR INFORMATION: MAS Panel - Notification of Significant Event (KPMG) [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Morning

This morning I met with our two KPMG partners on the Audit and Assurance contract, s 47F and s 47F and following are a few points from that meeting.

- The issues of integrity and confidentiality recently raised in the media relate to the external auditing arm of KPMG, which is separate to the Consulting side that Internal Audit services are delivered from.
- No-one associated with our contract has been involved.
- The AEC's information remains confidential, with all work being undertaken on the AEC network.
- All officers working on AEC contract maintain their security clearances.
- All auditors have maintained the integrity and confidentiality requirements under the contract and Global Internal Audit Standards.
- They will take this opportunity to reconfirm integrity and confidentiality requirements with the team.

As part of the Global Standards and under the contractual obligations, they will soon complete the annual declaration that confirms compliance with the Global Internal Audit Standards, which includes contractual obligations such as confidentiality, integrity and impartiality. These declarations form the basis of my declaration to

the Audit Committee and Electoral Commissioner on adherence to the standards – which ensures trusted and relied on services.

@Jeff Pope, s 47F and s 47F have offered to provide you a briefing, should you find benefit in hearing directly from them on the issues identified and controls they have in place to safeguard the AEC's information.

Additionally, Darren will be enquiring on how KPMG have maintained the integrity and confidentiality of AEC information.

Please let me know if you require any further information or advice at this time.

Kind regards

s 47F | Chief Audit Executive

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From: Jeff Pope s 47F

Sent: Friday, 29 May 2026 2:33 PM

To: s 47F; Rachel Houghton s 47F;

Kath Gleeson s 47F

Cc: Sally So s 47F; Rachael Spalding s 47F; s 47F

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Thanks Rachael and s 47F for the below.

@Rachel Houghton and s 47F - s 47E

[Redacted content]

I would appreciate an update by the second half of June please.

JP

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From: s 47F
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Cc: Sally So s 47F; Rachael Spalding s 47F
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Hi SEC

In relation to Internal Audit services, I can confirm I have had discussions with Darren and I have a meeting with our KPMG partners on Tuesday morning. Following this meeting, I will be seeking positive assurances from the Partners relating to the work they have done with the AEC and undertaking a stocktake of our current information controls to validate they remain appropriate. These assurances substantiate the contractual obligations of confidentiality and adherence to the Global Internal Audit Standards (which also enforce integrity).

I will provide further advice early next week.

Kind regards

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From: Rachael Spalding s 47F
Sent: Friday, 29 May 2026 1:07 PM
To: Jeff Pope s 47F; Rachel Houghton s 47F; Kath Gleeson s 47F
Cc: s 47F Sally So s 47F
Subject: FOR INFORMATION: MAS Panel - Notification of Significant Event (KPMG) [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Good afternoon SEC,

Please see below the notification of several senior leadership changes at KPMG.

Earlier this week, we were looking at the nature of our exposure and can confirm the AEC has 2 current contracts with KPMG:

- Internal Audit (\$3.15m over 4 years) 1 Sep 22 to 30 Sep 26

- Financial Statements model (\$46k over 3 years) 6 Feb 26 to 1 Feb 29

We will continue to monitor and liaise with DoF as necessary.

Thanks very much.

Rachael.

From: Sally So **S 47F**
Sent: Friday, 29 May 2026 1:01 PM
To: **S 47F**; Rachael Spalding **S 47F**
Cc: **S 47F**; **S 47F**
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Hi **S 47F** and Rachael,

For vis 😊

Thanks,
Sally

From: MAS Panel <MASPanel@finance.gov.au>
Sent: Friday, 29 May 2026 12:48 PM
Subject: MAS Panel - Notification of Significant Event (KPMG) [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Strategic Contracting

Notification of Significant Event: KPMG

Dear entities,

The Department of Finance (Finance) advises that it has received a Notification of Significant Event (NoSE) under the Management Advisory Services (MAS) Panel Head Agreement from KPMG Australia (KPMG).

KPMG has advised that the notification relates to governance and conduct matters identified through ongoing investigations concerning historical whistleblower allegations. As outlined in the notification, KPMG has also advised of changes in senior leadership, including:

- the resignation of the Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Andrew Yates
- the resignation of the National Managing Partner – Audit and Assurance, Mr. Julian McPherson
- the appointment of an Interim Chief Executive Officer, Mr Stan Stavros

Finance is reviewing the notification in accordance with its responsibilities under the MAS Panel Head Agreement. At this stage, there is no action required by entities.

Finance will keep entities informed of any further developments.

Regards,

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