

Key Points

- Former Minister for Defence, the Hon Christopher Pyne's new consulting job in the defence sector is being criticised as being in breach of the rules on post-ministerial employment.
- The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet administers the Statement of Ministerial Standards and the Lobbying Code of Conduct.

Talking Points

- What Mr Pyne chooses to do post his ministerial employment, or ministerial code of conduct matters are not Defence issues.
- Rules governing elected or former elected officials are established outside of Defence.
- Defence will continue to enter into contracts where appropriate and in compliance with relevant Government legislation, policy and rules.

Overview of recent or significant events, and media interest timeline

Date	Event
01/07/2019	SBS NEWS, Rosemary Bolger: Christopher Pyne defends new job amid push for Senate inquiry.
30/06/2019	Sydney Morning Herald, Max Koslowski: Christopher Pyne says new private-sector role breaks no rules.
30/06/2019	The Guardian, Katherine Murphy: Christopher Pyne may face Senate inquiry into compliance with ministerial standards.

Background

- Defence has a legislatively compliant, transparent, comprehensive and well established procurement and contracting policy and process framework. This framework ensures all Defence procurement and contracting complies with the relevant Government Legislation and Policy, including the Commonwealth Procurement Rules.
- Defence's contractual framework includes clear obligations on contractors to actively manage any perceived or actual conflicts of interest that may arise in their dealings with Defence.
- Defence as an organisation is cognisant of the risk conflicts of interest can pose to our agency and is committed to managing those risks.
- In Defence, conflicts of interest are managed using a principles-based policy that requires experienced and knowledgeable personnel in the Senior Leadership Group to determine whether a conflict of interest arises, and what action is taken to mitigate associated risks.

Contact and Clearance Officer

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From: Oceania CEO Tony Johnson s22
Sent: Thursday, 27 June 2019 5:54 PM
To: senator.reynolds@aph.gov.au
Cc: Moriarty, Greg MR
Subject: Letter for your attention
Attachments: ATT00001.htm; image001.gif; Senator Linda Reynolds letter.pdf

Good afternoon Senator Reynolds

Please find attached a letter for your attention.

Best regards

Tony

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Senator the Hon. Linda Reynolds CSC
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27 June 2019

RE: EY's new relationship with Hon Christopher Pyne

EY has established a relationship with Christopher to provide occasional high-level strategic advice.

This does not involve Christopher undertaking any activity back into government nor providing or using any information he may have received as a Minister.

Christopher has made clear that he is totally aware of his obligations under the Ministerial Code of Conduct and is committed to adhering to them.

EY has rigorous processes and procedures to ensure it does not put Christopher in a position where the Ministerial Code of Conduct might be breached and is committed to ensuring that these are followed.

Please don't hesitate to call if you require any further information on this matter.

Yours sincerely

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Tony Johnson
CEO & Regional Managing Partner

Copy to Greg Moriarty

From: s47F s22
Sent: Friday, 28 June 2019 1:31 PM
To: Toms, Amanda MS <amanda.toms@defence.gov.au>
Subject: Christopher Pyne

Hi Amanda

As discussed last night, I can confirm that EY's CEO, Tony Johnson, has written to Minister Reynolds and Secretary Moriarty about EY's new relationship with Christopher Pyne to clarify that:

- EY has established a relationship with Christopher to provide occasional high-level strategic advice.
- This does not involve Christopher undertaking any activity back into government nor providing or using any information he may have received as a Minister.
- Christopher has made clear that he is totally aware of his obligations under the Ministerial Code of Conduct and is committed to adhering to them.
- EY has rigorous processes and procedures to ensure it does not put Christopher in a position where the Ministerial Code of Conduct might be breached and is committed to ensuring that these are followed.

I look forward to speaking with you further.

Warm regards,
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