

Hi Denise

I sent the message below to Kate Duffy to clarify my views about how the Auditor's Office would deal with whistleblower complaints and how we would work with HR. I would be grateful if you could share this with the Committee.

"I was quoted in the media saying that I didn't want or intend to share whistleblower complaints with HR. Actually, that's not accurate and I apologize for any misunderstanding. If I receive information about HR-related matters (real or perceived retaliation or otherwise), that is most assuredly HR's business and I would share that with Kate immediately. On the other hand, if I receive a complaint about the operation of a program, the activities of a state-contracted vendor, or anything else of substance (i.e., waste, fraud, and abuse), without any explicit reference to HR's purview, we would conduct our due diligence before deciding how to proceed. In the absence of an HR hook as it were, there would be no reason for me to contact Kate. Having said that, every case is unique and I intend to be flexible."

Thanks

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