

ICANN Transparency

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Particularly innocuous information

Where does it start?

- If trivial information is nearly impossible to get, we have to presume that more substantive information is also not available.
- The presence of LOTS of web pages does not imply that the information that you want is available.
- The presence of information does not presume it is correct.

Common Situations

- You receive an e-mail from Nancy.Drew@icann.org. You have never heard of Nancy before, so you check her out in the ICANN Directory. It is empty. You ask support staff who Nancy is. They have never heard of her either, and have no way to check.
- You have a problem with how someone is dealing with an issue. You try to find out who the person reports to. Nearly impossible!
- A decision is handed down. Try to find out who actually made that decision.

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- **Owner** – name identified with each entry that is responsible for the work at ICANN

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What it we were told it meant:

- Akram Attalah had nothing to do with Compliance
- The budgets were solely managed by Allen Grogan
- Allen Grogan reported directly to the CEO.

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Thank You