

intervention is not at all uncommon and is a component part of the relationship between the Attorney General and the Director. When a case is either drawn or comes to the attention of the Attorney General, she may seek further information from the Director, may seek clarification of the consideration that had been given to a proposed decision, suggest further work that needs to be done, ask for counsel's advice to be sought or may put to the Director other factors that she believes he should take into account. This is the nature of superintendence and if the power of direction is not used, its presence nevertheless underpins the authority of the Attorney General in exercising her responsibility. The Director is responsible to the Attorney General for the due performance of his functions and intervention is part of the architecture whereby the Attorney General meets her responsibilities. It would be a misunderstanding of the nature of superintendence if it was thought that effective superintendence required the use of the power of direction.

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