

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications

Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice

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Communications Portfolio

NBN Co Ltd

Question No: 219

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Topic: Senate Privileges Committee Report issued to Minister

Senator Dastyari, Sam asked:

Senator DASTYARI: You would have been issued a copy of the report prior to it being tabled in the Senate in your capacity as manager. Is that correct?

Senator Fifield: I do not think so, but I will check.

Answer:

The Minister was verbally advised by staff that the report had been tabled shortly after 5pm on 28 March 2017. He was subsequently provided with a copy of the report that evening, which was obtained from the Committee's webpage on the APH website. It is not customary for the Minister, in his capacity as Manager of Government business in the Senate, to receive advance copies of any committee reports.