

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications

Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice

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Communications Portfolio

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Topic: Senate Privileges Committee report

Senator Dastyari, Sam asked:

Senator DASTYARI: Senator Fifield, have you had the opportunity to read the Senate Privileges Committee report?

Senator Fifield: My staff have spoken to me about it.

Senator DASTYARI: If you could take this on notice: when was it brought to your attention? I assume it would have been during the period it was tabled in the Senate.

Senator Fifield: I will take that on notice.

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.