

Questions on notice

Non-conforming building products | Public hearing | Tuesday, 3 October 2017

National Association of Testing Authorities, Australia (NATA)

Mr John Mitchell, Manager - Government Relations

QUESTION:

Can you take on notice whether notice 2017/21 from the department was the subject of consultation with NATA before that notice was issued? If so, what was the nature and extent of that consultation—what feedback did you provide?

ANSWER:

NATA has reviewed our own records and also sought confirmation from the DIBP/ABF. In this instance, NATA was not consulted in regard to this particular notice. DIBP and ABF both regarded the material that related to NATA to have been the subject of discussion and clarification in past discussions. I re-reading the notice, it would be our judgement that this was a reasonable judgment to make based on our meeting records and the paper we prepared for the Commonwealth IDC on asbestos. When NATA is asked to comment on these types of document, we are careful to confine our feedback to matters relating to accreditation and not the more general policy aspects.