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Senate Economics References Committee – Inquiry into the future of Australia's Naval Shipbuilding Industry - 30 September 2014

Question on Notice No. 1 - Japanese submarine

Senator Dastyari asked on 30 September 2014, Hansard page 37:

CHAIR: Mr King, you have been on one of these submarines?
Mr King: I have been on one.
CHAIR: On the recent trip?
Mr King: No, not the recent trip; previous trips.
Senator CONROY: When were they? You are like hen's teeth. You are the second person I have met in the course of the evening who has actually been on a Japanese submarine, but you are the first who has been on a Soryu or involved with a Soryu.
Mr King: To be clear, I have been on two.
Senator EDWARDS: The first one was 28 years ago.
Mr King: I did on work miniature subs, but that is different. February was one date and I am not sure of the other. It might have been May.
Senator CONROY: February and May this year?
Mr King: Yes.
CHAIR: Could someone from your team get that to the committee on notice?
Mr King: Yes. I am sure I have not got any team listening, but we can get that to you on notice.

Response:

Mr Warren King, Chief Executive Officer of the Defence Materiel Organisation, toured a Soryu class submarine during a visit to Japan over the period 18-20 February 2014 and on a second occasion during a visit over the period 20-22 May 2014.

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Question on Notice No. 3 - CEO DMO post Japan visit report

Senator Xenophon asked on 30 September 2014, Hansard page 41:

Senator XENOPHON: Are you able to provide a copy of the report to the committee even if it is in confidence?

Mr King: I do not know that I wrote extensively. I think the ones that came back were highly classified, but I will have to see what I can do.

Response:

No formal report was written.