

ASC Pty Ltd

Response to Question on Notice

SENATE ECONOMICS REFERENCES COMMITTEE

Naval shipbuilding public hearing / 8 September 2017

GENERAL COMMENTS

Nil.

SPECIFIC QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Question 1

Senator KIM CARR: You are required to provide detailed planning to the government. And this is a major announcement regarding an extraordinarily significant program for the country and you're telling this committee that you've had no response from the government?

Mr Lamarre: I will have to take that question on notice to ensure that we haven't had any correspondence coming back, but I certainly have not gotten any response from government that I—

Senator KIM CARR: There are no secrets here.

Mr Lamarre: No.

Senator KIM CARR: I not trying to cause you any embarrassment, but perhaps if you would provide us on notice with any correspondence you have received from the department on this matter?

Mr Lamarre: Absolutely.

Senator KIM CARR: Because I'm somewhat surprised that you as the CEO can't recall any contact with the department. Perhaps with the government it is a bit of a surprise that they haven't contacted you, but the department—no contact from the department as well. Is that correct?

Mr Lamarre: Again, I am going to have to take that question on notice and at look at our correspondence.

Response

The only correspondence received by ASC Shipbuilding Pty Ltd (ASC Shipbuilding) from the Government or the Department of Defence in relation to its collaboration with Austal Ships Pty Ltd (Austal) on the Future Frigate program was a letter from the Capability Acquisition and Sustainment Group, dated 13 June 2017.

The letter addressed proposed communication by ASC Shipbuilding / Austal with the shortlisted designers.

Question 2

Senator KIM CARR: Can we clarify exactly how many people are on site at all the different divisions, given the structural separation that has occurred within the company?

Mr Lamarre: I'm sorry, we would have to take that on notice.

Response

As at 14 September 2017, ASC Pty Ltd (the submarine business and corporate functions) had approximately 1,290 employees, not including contractors, working from South Australia and Western Australia.

As at the same date, ASC Shipbuilding Pty Ltd had approximately 1,100 employees, not including contractors, working from South Australia.