

Senate Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade

Inquiry into the Operations of Defence Housing Australia – 23 March 2016

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Defence

Topic: Correspondence received from ADF members or families regarding DHA privatisation.

Question reference number: 1

Senator: Gallacher

Type of question: asked on Wednesday, 23 March 2016, Hansard page 14

Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 15 April 2016

Question:

CHAIR: Did you receive any representations or other correspondence from ADF members, former members or their families about the proposed privatisation?

Mr Grzeskowiak: I would have to take that one on notice. I am not aware of any that I saw, but that is not to say that there were not representations into the department.

Answer:

Defence has received one piece of correspondence relating to the proposed privatisation of Defence Housing Australia.

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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Defence

Topic: Date review commenced

Question reference number: 2

Senator: Gallacher

Type of question: asked on Wednesday, 23 March 2016, Hansard page 15

Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 15 April 2016

Question:

CHAIR: When did the review start?

Mr Grzeskowiak: I do not have those dates. I would have to take that on notice. I think the Department of Finance will be able to answer that question later on.

Answer:

The Department of Finance has advised that the KordaMentha contract with the Department of Finance to conduct the Forensic Review commenced on 23 July 2015.

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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Defence

Topic: Deputy Secretary Estate and Infrastructure Group knowledge of advice provided to Defence on matters referred to AFP by DHA Board

Question reference number: 3

Senator: Dastyari

Type of question: Spoken, asked on Wednesday, 23 March 2016, Hansard page 2.

Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 15 April 2016

Question:

Senator DASTYARI: Okay. Mr Grzeskowiak, do you want to take on notice whether or not you had actually been informed? Firstly, the question is: if it never happened then you were obviously not informed. I want to get the question clear so that you take the right question on notice. Had you ever been informed of whether the Department of Defence had been informed that matters relating to DHA—not exclusively—including the role of the former managing director, were referred to the Australian Federal Police by the board of DHA or by executives and officials within DHA or by those who conducted the reports and reviews?

Mr Grzeskowiak: I will take that on notice.

Answer:

No. No officials of the Department of Defence had been informed of these matters prior to Senator Dastyari's remarks at the hearing on 23 March 2016.