

## Senate Economic References Committee

Future of Australia's naval shipbuilding industry – 20 June 2017

### ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Defence

**Topic:** Government Decision on Future Roles of ASC

**Question reference number:** 12

**Senator:** Carr

**Type of question:** asked on Tuesday, 20 June 2017, Hansard page 21

**Date set by the committee for the return of answer:** 14 July 2017

#### **Question:**

**Senator KIM CARR:** That is good. I am sure we will look to that. Presumably, the government has made a decision at that point?

**Mr Ablong:** Yes. It made a decision about what the future roles of ASC would be, which is Collins sustainment, the finalisation of the air warfare destroyer and the infrastructure company.

**Senator KIM CARR:** And that statement would have gone to cabinet?

**Mr Ablong:** Yes, it did.

**Senator KIM CARR:** What was the date it went to cabinet?

**Mr Ablong:** I will have to take that on notice.

#### **Answer:**

It is a longstanding practice not to disclose information about the operation and business of the Cabinet, as to do so could potentially reveal the deliberations of the Cabinet, which are confidential.