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

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Defence

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Senator: Carr

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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.