

Senate Finance and Public Administration References Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Inquiry into the current capability of the APS

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Senator: Ayres

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Question:

CHAIR: There was an internal review into DIPA, wasn't there? What did it find?

Ms Cvijanovic: In broad terms, the internal review found not only that the program was effective in improving—and so it met its milestones—in analytic capability of units and people within departments but also that the core infrastructure built as a result of the DIPA funding allowed better integration of data across time. It also went to issues of governance and how the DIPA program was governed and made suggestions that governance could be, in some respects, streamlined.

CHAIR: Is that because the ABS is the lead agency, but APSC, PM&C and the DTA have all been engaged in the inevitable issues that arise?

Ms Cvijanovic: There were about 21 agencies involved in the DIPA program overall. Some of those were funded through DIPA and some were partners with DIPA. When you are running these types of multidimensional programs with many agencies, there are always questions about whether we're asking them to report too much or too little.

CHAIR: Can you provide a copy of the report?

Ms Cvijanovic: I'll take that on notice, Senator.

Answer:

The report is currently being considered by Government.