

Senate Economics References Committee

Parliamentary inquiry – Future of Australia's naval shipbuilding industry

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Defence

Topic: SERC - Future of Australia's Naval Shipbuilding Industry - Future of ASC in the Future Submarine Program - Q11 - Carr

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Senator/Membe: Kim Carr

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Question: Senator KIM CARR: Has ASC been advised they will not be part of the Future Submarine Program?

Mr Gillis: I think the admiral just said, yes, they were.

Senator KIM CARR: What was the date of that advice.

Mr Gillis: They are aware; I think they have been aware for a fair—

Senator KIM CARR: When did the department advise them?

Mr Gillis: I would have to take that on notice.

Answer:

ASC is aware that Naval Group (formerly known as DCNS) will build the Future Submarine. This was advised to ASC in a meeting with General Manager Submarines on 21 March 2017. This conversation also included discussion of the range of options for ASC to support the Future Submarine Program. ASC continues to work with Naval Group on ASC supporting roles.