

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 10 - Sport and Recreation

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Senator: Peris, Nova

Question:

What discussions did the Minister for Sport or her office have with ASADA regarding the Essendon Doping Case, the decision not to appeal the AFL Anti-Doping Tribunal decision or the results of the Court of Arbitration for Sport decision?

Answer:

The Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority (ASADA) has had general discussions only with the Minister for Sport and/or her office in relation to the decision to not appeal the Essendon decision from the Australian Football League (AFL) Anti-Doping Tribunal or the results of the Court of Arbitration for Sport decision.

ASADA did not consult with or otherwise involve the Minister for Sport and/or her office in any decision it made to refrain from appealing the Essendon decision from the AFL Anti-Doping Tribunal. Further, ASADA did not consult or involve the Minister for Sport and/or her office in relation to decisions made by ASADA in relation to the World Anti-Doping Agency's appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport.