

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

**Additional Estimates 2016 – 17, 1 March 2017**

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**OUTCOME:** 3 – Sport and Recreation

**Topic:** ASADA / Essendon

**Type of Question:** Written Question on Notice

**Senator:** Di Natale, Richard

**Question:**

Why did ASADA conduct a joint investigation with the AFL into the Essendon supplements program instead of conducting an investigation into the AFL's conduct in relation to the Essendon supplements program?

**Answer:**

Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority's (ASADA) Operation Cobia investigation (which included an investigation into the Essendon Football Club), involved possible violations of the anti-doping rules, such as the possible use, trafficking and/or administration of prohibited substances.

ASADA does not have any credible evidence that any individual from the Australian Football League organisation violated the anti-doping rules.