

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 3 – Sport and Recreation

Topic: ASADA / Essendon

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Di Natale, Richard

Question:

Has ASADA at any stage referred text messages related to supplements programs of any AFL club other than Essendon to the Court of Arbitration for Sport?

- a) If so, can you provide details?
- b) If not, why not?

Answer:

The Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority (ASADA) was involved in a confidential sports tribunal hearing process before the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in relation to Stephen Dank and 34 current and former Essendon Football Club players.

Evidence produced by ASADA at the hearing is not publicly available. However, all text message evidence that was provided to the AFL Anti-Doping Tribunal was also provided to the CAS.

The text message evidence that ASADA provided to the AFL Anti-Doping Tribunal and to CAS was relevant to the violations being asserted against those parties only.