

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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**OUTCOME:** 10 - Sport and Recreation

**Topic:** FFA/World Cup bid

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

**Senator:** Xenophon, Nick

**Question:**

In a submission to the Senate Economics References Committee inquiry into overseas bribery, anti-corruption campaigner, the Australian sportswear company founder Jamie Fuller (company called 'SKINS'), has urged examination of the \$15 million of taxpayer funds paid by the FFA to three European consultants hired to devise and execute strategy for Australia's bid. (reported in the Fairfax on 24 September 2015 and in Fuller's submission to the inquiry under his company name 'SKINS')

In the submission he urges the committee to question the FFA over the \$151,250 paid each month for two years to German lobbyist Fedor Radmann and to investigate whether any of this money went to any FIFA executive committee members in 2009 and 2010, as well as the \$60,000 per month paid to controversial bid strategist, Mr Hargitay and the \$8 million paid to a colleague of Mr Radmann's to devise Australia's official "bid book".

Has the Commission examined these payments in any detail in terms of to what purpose they were used and whether they complied with Commonwealth anti-corruption and other probity requirements?

Has the Commission sought further information from FFA in relation to these payments?

**Answer:**

Through Football Federation Australia's contractual reporting requirements, the Office for Sport had oversight of the amount of Commonwealth funds being paid to Consultants.

The Office for Sport also sought (and received) assurances from FFA that parties contracted by FFA using Commonwealth funds operated in accordance with the Australian Public Service Code of Conduct.