

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

**Supplementary Budget Estimates 2015 - 2016, 21 October 2015**

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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:**

What did FFA tell the Government in terms of an explanation for the payment and the reason it claimed it as part of Commonwealth funding?

Was the Commission aware of this at the time of the last Estimates in June 2015, when officials were questioned about the \$500,000 payment?

**Answer:**

In relation to the \$500,000 Caribbean (CONCACAF) payment, Football Federation Australia (FFA) provided the following rationale:

- FFA was required to contribute to international football development activities as part of the bidding process;
- FFA advised that due diligence was undertaken to ensure the project was legitimate and met the FIFA guidelines on funding for community football programs; and
- FFA subsequently decided payment would be made from its own funds.

The Office for Sport was aware of FFA's explanation at the time of the June 2015 Budget Estimates.