

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Question: SBT 1730

Topic: Protective security policy framework (ABS)

Written: Received from Committee – 26 October 2012

Senator BUSHBY asked:

1730. Provide an update for your department/agency, including what is your current compliance level, what are you doing to manage risk, what is being done to comply with the mandatory requirements and details of any department/agency specific policies and procedures.

Answer:

In April 2012 the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) commenced a review of its compliance with the mandatory requirements of the Australian Government Protective Security Policy Framework (PSPF). This review has identified that the ABS complies with all applicable mandatory requirements in the PSPF.

The ABS is also updating its agency security risk assessment and agency security plans to ensure that identified security risks are effectively managed.

The ABS Annual Report 2011-12 at Chapter 9 (Corporate Governance) describes the senior management committees, including the Protective Security Management Committee, and the security of ABS premises.