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Senator: Bernardi

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Question:

CHAIR: Everyone in Finance was excited about that opportunity. Let me give you an example. HMAS *Adelaide* was disposed of. Did that go through the Department of Finance?

Ms Halton: We will have to check that one.

CHAIR: Specifically the question was: what is your role in the disposal of the HMAS *Tobruk*? I am happy to put this on notice for you.

Ms Halton: We will take that on notice. Do you mean to the extent that the minister signs off in respect of an intended disposal as opposed to a destruction?

CHAIR: No, it is just about the disposal.

Ms Halton: I have actually seen a number of the minutes go past, but we will take that particular one on notice to see what the time frame was.

CHAIR: I will put them on notice for you and you can come back. There are no traps; it is just about trying to find out who is responsible for various things ...

Answer:

The Department of Finance did not have a role in the disposal of either HMAS *Adelaide* or HMAS *Tobruk*.

The Department of Finance's response to Question on Notice F86 *HMAS Tobruk and the gifting of de-commissioned naval vessels to States*, contains more information on gifting Commonwealth property.