

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

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**Question: BET 245**

**Topic: Capgemini and Aquitaine documents relating to the deployment of the Change Program (ATO)**

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**Senator XENOPHON**—Are the independent experts the QA, the quality assurance, people?

**Mr Butler**—Yes.

**Senator XENOPHON**—That is Capgemini and Aquitaine?

**Mr Butler**—That is correct.

**Senator XENOPHON**—Have they given advice as to what stage the system should be rolled out?

**Mr Butler**—They absolutely gave advice leading up to the decision in late January on whether to deploy the system or not.

**Senator XENOPHON**—And they both gave advice that the system should be deployed or the next stage should be deployed?

**Mr Butler**—With any system this size there are always risks, and they said that there are always risks. There are new mitigation practices around those risks. The vice-president of Capgemini signed that letter off, and both Capgemini and Aquitaine—whose principal, Richard Tait, has been attending all of our meetings—provide monthly reports, and they provide separate sign-off letters to say that, in their professional opinion, the risks were able to be mitigated through the practices the ATO is putting in a place.

**Senator XENOPHON**—Are you in a position to provide those documents?

**Mr Butler**—Yes.

**Answer:**

Copies of the letters are attached.