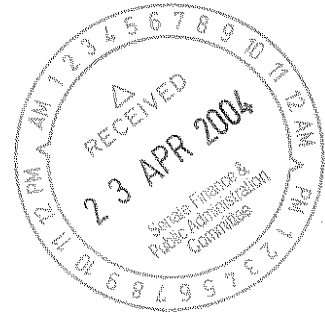




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Mr Alistair Sands
Committee Secretary
Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Mr Sands

Response to Questions on Notice – February 2004 Hearings

I am pleased to provide to the Committee the Finance and Administration portfolio's responses to another 15 questions on notice raised at the Senate Estimates Hearing on 17 February 2004. These are enclosed in both hard copy and compact disk.

The Department has previously provided responses to 22 questions on notice and these were tabled with the Committee on 21 April 2004.

We are continuing to work on responses to the remaining questions and will provide these to you as soon as possible.

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Sean Giddings on 6215 3590.

Yours sincerely

Ian McAuley
Branch Manager
Parliamentary and Corporate Support

23 April 2004

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Question: F21

Outcome 2 Improved and More Efficient Government Operations

Output 2.1.1 Government Business Enterprises Ownership and Divestment

Topic: ComLand – St Marys Site

Hansard Page: F&PA 65-66

Senator Conroy asked:

Breaking down the [ComLand] valuation, what was the valuation of St Marys within that total figure? ... Is it 60 per cent or 70 per cent?

Answer:

In the Notes to its 2002-03 Financial Statements, ComLand disclosed valuations of its interests in land as at 30 June 2003.

ComLand's interest in the Maribyrnong site was valued at \$25 million. The interest in the St Marys site was valued at \$70 million. These were independent valuations undertaken by Ernst & Young for ComLand.

After allowing for the repayment of ComLand debt, the benchmark valuation undertaken by Rogers Milne breaks down into approximately the same proportions, ie, 70 per cent for St Marys.

Date: 17 March 2004
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Question: F28

Outcome 2 Improved and More Efficient Government Operations

Output 2.1.1 Government Business Enterprises Ownership and Divestment

Topic: Sale of Sydney Basin Airports – Costs of Sale Advisers

Hansard Page: F&PA 98

Senator Conroy asked:

You will come back to us with the final figure?

Answer:

As stated at the estimates hearing, the cost of sale advisers for the sale of the Sydney Basin Airports is around \$4 million (this excluded GST). Only a few residual issues remain to be finalised. We therefore expect the final figure to not exceed \$4.1 million (excluding GST or \$4.5 million inclusive of GST).

Date: 19 March 2004
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Question: F33

Outcome 2 Improved and More Efficient Government Operations

Output 2.2.1 Property Management

Topic: Property

Hansard page: N/A

Written Question on Notice: 17 February 2003

Senator Conroy asked:

1. Could you provide the following information regarding the list of properties below?
2. What is the current valuation or estimated value of the properties listed below?
3. What is the current zoning of these properties?
4. For those properties with housing or other construction, please detail their current use.
5. Does the property act as a buffer for adjoining land? If so, please provide details of the kind of buffer (eg. Firebreak, rifle range etc)
6. Please outline any other environmental, geographical or historical features of the site or adjoining properties.

Property ID: 10209300

Property ID: 10207200

Property ID: 10209500

Property ID: 10214200

Property ID: 10210100

Property ID: 10214700

Property ID: 10212300

Property ID: 10102200

Property ID: 10218800

Property ID: 10206000

Property ID: 10218900

Property ID: 10212000

Property ID: 10200300

Property ID: 10212700

Property ID: 10201600

Property ID: 10204400

Property ID: 10201900

Property ID: 10204900

Property ID: 10202200

Property ID: 10205000

Property ID: 10202600

Property ID: 10205100

Property ID: 10203200

Property ID: 10205300

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Property ID: 10203400	Property ID: 10205400
Property ID: 10205600	Property ID: 10220100
Property ID: 10205700	Property ID: 10204000
Property ID: 10206900	Property ID: 10221200
Property ID: 10213200	Property ID: 10200500
Property ID: 10213300	Property ID: 10219000
Property ID: 10213500	Property ID: 10220200
Property ID: 10219600	Property ID: 10306100
Property ID: 10219800	Property ID: 10200600
Property ID: 10306200	Property ID: 10200700

Answer:

The answers to questions 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6 are presented in the table below.

2. Current valuations and estimated values of the properties listed above are considered to be “commercially sensitive” information. Release of these valuations may potentially jeopardise the Commonwealth’s position in terms of potential proceeds from future divestments.

Property ID	Property Description	Zoning – under relevant local Government zoning	Current Use	Buffer for Adjoining Land	Other Features
10209300	Block 1 Section 15 Eastern Way, Bruce ACT	B2E Corridors and Offices. Restricted to future road use	Vacant Land	N/A	The property comprises a portion of the unformed eastern extension of Thynne Street, the internal access road serving the Fern Hill Technology Park.
10209500	Block 1 Section 75 Braybrooke/ Thynne St, Bruce ACT	B2E Corridors and Offices	Vacant Land	N/A	Development site for office or light industry building.
10210100	Block 4 Section 55 Duffy ACT	B15 Plantation and forestry	Vacant land	N/A	The property is 1.5 ha of land formerly used by the CSIRO for forestry operations. Following the January 2003 fires all improvements were destroyed. The site has been remediated and all dead trees have been felled.

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Property ID	Property Description	Zoning – under relevant local Government zoning	Current Use	Buffer for Adjoining Land	Other Features
10212300	Block 5 Section 55 Duffy ACT	B15 - Plantation and Forestry.	Vacant land	N/A	16.2 ha of land formerly used by the ACT Government for plantation and forestry purposes. Following the January 2003 fires all improvements were destroyed. The site has been remediated and all dead trees have been felled.
10218800	Block 7 Section 66 Deakin ACT	Municipal Services	Overflow car parking	This block adjoins the Deakin Offices on the southern side and is a hilly area part used as a temporary car park for the offices.	Vacant land used for overflow car parking.
10218900	Block 8 Section 66 Deakin ACT	Municipal Services	Car parking	This block adjoins the Deakin Offices and is used as a temporary car park for the offices.	Predominantly vacant land used for overflow car parking.
10200300	Dundas – Easement NSW	Any proposal to develop the land will be subject to a development application being submitted to the Parramatta Town Planning Authority.	Easement	N/A	A small section of land originally created as an easement to protect sewerage pipelines servicing adjoining land.
10201600	Amiens St Lithgow NSW	Residential 2(a)	Residence	N/A	Single storey timber framed fibro clad 3 bedroom cottage. Subject to life tenancy.
10201900	Great Western Highway Lithgow NSW	Residential 2(a)	Residence	N/A	Single storey timber framed fibro clad 3 bedroom cottage. Subject to life tenancy.
10202200	Poziers St Lithgow NSW	Residential 2(a)	Residence	N/A	Single storey timber framed fibro clad 3 bedroom cottage. Subject to life tenancy.
10202600	Macquarie Ave Cessnock NSW	Residential 2(a)	Residence	N/A	Single storey timber framed weatherboard 3 bedroom cottage. Subject to life tenancy.
10203200	Vickers St Lithgow NSW	Residential 2(a)	Residence	N/A	Single storey timber framed fibro clad 2 bedroom cottage. Subject to life tenancy.

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10203400	Yalunga St Dapto NSW	Residential 2(a)	Residence	N/A	Single storey timber framed weatherboard & fibro clad 3 bedroom cottage. Subject to life tenancy.
10205600	Macquarie Ave Cessnock NSW	Residential 2(a)	Residence	N/A	Single storey timber framed timber clad 3 bedroom cottage. Subject to life tenancy.
10205700	Balmoral Ave Cessnock NSW	Residential 2(a)	Residence	N/A	Single storey timber framed timber clad 3 bedroom cottage. Subject to life tenancy.
10206900	Green St Mulwala NSW	Residential 2(a)	Residence	N/A	Single storey timber framed fibro clad 2 bedroom cottage. Subject to life tenancy.
10213200	Hornsby - Rifle Range NSW	The subject property is zoned Special Uses A (Community purposes) under the Hornsby Shire Local Environment Plan (LEP) of 1994, as amended February 2002.	The site accommodates the clubhouses for the rifle range and a small area of the rifle range proper.	An area adjoining the Hornsby Rifle Range.	Accommodation for the Rifle Clubs.
10213300	Ettamogah - Army Stores Depot NSW	The property is zoned Environmental Protection.		The site is heavily contaminated with unexploded ordnance and chemical and domestic wastes.	Unexploded ordnance (UXO) and other contaminants exist on the site.
10213500	Adamstown Lot 2 Pacific Highway NSW			N/A	Property Sold
10219600	Adamstown Lot 5 Pacific Highway NSW	The site is zoned Open Space 6(a) and Arterial Roads and Reservations 5(e) under current Newcastle City Council Planning Scheme 1987.	The subject property comprises unimproved, timbered land.	N/A	N/A
10219800	Goorooyaroo – Part Portion Lot 77, Part Portion 223 and Part Portion 224 NSW	The site is zoned Zone 1(a) rural by the Yarrawlumla Shire Local Environment Plan 1993.	The four sites that make up the property are vacant rural blocks.	N/A	N/A

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10306200	Pymble NSW residual portions	Special Uses 5(a) Commonwealth Purposes	Vacant land	The land adjoins the Australian Government Analytical Laboratory site at Pymble.	The area is a reserve and provides a buffer between the residences, and the commercial/industrial development in Suakin Street.
10207200	McMinn St Alice Springs NT	Residential R1	Residence	N/A	Single storey timber framed fibro clad 2 bedroom cottage. Subject to life tenancy.
10214200	Cox Peninsula - Section 34 Hundred of Bray NT	There is no Town Plan governing this area.	Radio transmissions.	N/A	The site is the former Radio Australia transmission station. Section 34 was included in the Kenbi (Cox Peninsular) Aboriginal Land Claim.
10214700	Cox Peninsula - Section 50 Hundred of Bray NT	There is no Town Plan governing this area	Car parking & storage	N/A	Located on site is a storage shed and parking area – which are used by the occupants of Section 34.
10102200	Woodridge Offices (Leasehold interest) Qld	Central Business	Office accommodation	N/A	A 99 year lease over the site was sold in 2003.
10206000	Cutler Ave Moorooka Qld	Residential 2(a)	Residence	N/A	Single storey timber framed fibro clad 2 bedroom cottage. Subject to life tenancy.
10212000	Mein - Telegraph Station Site Qld	The property is zoned Rural (General Farming).		N/A	The property was transferred to the Commonwealth at Federation. It appears the site may have been sold in 1930 but the Commonwealth was never issued with a Deed of Grant to the property and the purchaser did not register his interest after gazettal. These inactions leave the legal ownership of the property unresolved. The property is shown as a "Reserve for Post and Telegraph" in the Queensland land system with the Commonwealth as the owner.

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10212700	Brisbane - Lady Gowrie Childcare Centre Qld	The site is zoned "Low-Medium Density Residential Area".	The Lady Gowrie Child Care Centre is an operational Child Care facility	N/A	The occupant owns the improvements.
10204400	Barton St Blair Athol SA	Residential 1 (R1)	Residence	N/A	Single storey brick 2-3 bedroom cottage. Subject to life tenancy.
10204900	Fourteenth Ave Woodville North SA	Residential 2 (R2)	Residence	N/A	Single storey timber framed fibro clad 3 bedroom cottage. Subject to life tenancy.
10205000	Hanson Rd Woodville North SA	Residential 2 (R2)	Residence	N/A	Single storey timber framed fibro clad 3 bedroom cottage. Subject to life tenancy.
10205100	Ninth Avenue Woodville North SA	Residential 2 (R2)	Residence	N/A	Single storey timber framed fibro clad 3 bedroom cottage. Subject to life tenancy.
10205300	Tenth Ave Woodville North SA	Residential 2 (R2)	Residence	N/A	Single storey timber framed fibro clad 3 bedroom cottage. Subject to life tenancy.
10205400	Tenth Ave Woodville North SA			N/A	Property Sold
10220100	Section 463 in the Hundred of Gordon SA	Country Township (Loxton North)	Recreation	N/A	The site is being used for recreational purposes.
10220100	Section 464 in the Hundred of Gordon SA	Country Township (Loxton North)	Vacant land	N/A	Vacant Land.
10220100	Section 618 in the Hundred of Gordon SA	Horticulture (H)	Agriculture	N/A	A small portion of Section 618 has been used as a dump and may need remediation.
10220100	Section 640 in the Hundred of Gordon SA	Country Township (Loxton North)	Vacant land	N/A	Vacant land
10220100	Section 641 in the Hundred of Gordon SA	Country Township (Loxton North)	Vacant land	N/A	Vacant land
10220100	Section 717 in the Hundred of Bookpurnong SA	Country Living	Agriculture	N/A	The site is used for agricultural purposes.

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10220100	Sections 739 and 1035 in the Hundred of Gordon SA	Under the provisions of the Development Plan for the District Council of Loxton Waikerie and the South Australian Development Act 1993, most of Section 1035 is zoned Country Living (CL). A small western portion of Section 1035 and Section 739 is zoned Horticulture (H).	Agriculture	N/A	Sections 739 and 1035 have been used as a drain in previous years and possibly has accumulated large amounts of salt during this time.
10220100	Section 790 in the Hundred of Bookpurnong SA.	Horticulture (H)	Recreation	Rifle range.	Section 790 is being used as a rifle range and would be polluted with lead. Rehabilitation of the site may need to be undertaken.
10220100	Section 834 in the Hundred of Bookpurnong SA	Horticulture (H)	Vacant land	N/A.	The site is used for conservation purposes.
10220100	Section 835 in the Hundred of Bookpurnong SA	Horticulture (H)	Vacant land	N/A	The site is used for conservation purposes.
10220100	Section 885 in the Hundred of Bookpurnong SA	Horticulture (H)	Vacant Land	N/A	Vacant Land.
10220100	Section 894 in the Hundred of Bookpurnong SA	Horticulture (H)	Agriculture	N/A	Vacant Land.
10220100	Section 935 in the Hundred of Bookpurnong SA	Horticulture (H)	Vacant land	N/A	The site is used for agricultural purposes.
10220100	Section 1033 in the Hundred of Gordon SA	Horticulture (H)	Vacant land	N/A	Vacant Land.
10204000	12 Rosny Hill Road, Rosny, Tasmania	Professional Offices	Unimproved vacant land. Currently used for "overflow" open-air car parking	N/A	
10221200	Lot 1 Bligh Street, Rosny, Tasmania	Professional Offices	The site comprises a bitumen paved access roadway and a small garden area	N/A	

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10200500	Maribyrnong - Tramlines Vic	The small portion of land fronting Wests Road is included within a 'Comprehensive Development Zone'. The tramway is zoned Public Use Zone transport (PUZ4).	The property consists of two areas of land on the same title separated by another block of land. One area adjoins West Road. The other area is used as a tram route.	N/A	Tramlines are located on one site.
10219000	Footscray Lot 48 Napier Street Vic	Public Use Zone Service and Utility (PUZ1).	The site is used as a car park.	N/A	The Commonwealth's interest in property is Leasehold.
10220200	Brighton – Elwood St and Downes Avenue Vic	Residential 1	The subject property is a narrow 'L' shaped laneway, which has been absorbed into the adjoining 15 residential properties.	N/A	Effectively the laneway does not exist.
10306100	Tottenham – Duke Street Vic. Residual land	Residential 1	Vacant land	N/A	An irregular shaped small parcel of land adjoining part of a residential backyard.
10200600	Mt Lawley – Laneway Carrington Street WA	Residential R30.	The adjoining owners use the subject land as a right of way.	N/A	The laneway is located at the rear of a number of former war service dwellings.
10200700	Kununurra - Pantijan Pastoral Lease, Panter Downs, Kimberley Region, WA	The Shires of Derby/West Kimberley and Wyndam/East Kimberley have indicated that the property is not covered by their Town Planning Schemes	Originally as a pastoral station. There is no evidence of the site recently being used for this purpose	N/A	Vacant pastoral lease

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Question: F34.1

Outcome 2 Improved and More Efficient Government Operations

Output 2.1.1 Government Business Enterprises Ownership and Divestment

Topic: Australian Submarine Corporation

Hansard page: N/A

Written Question on Notice: 17 February 2004

Senator Conroy asked:

Why have Wylie Carnegie and Company been appointed to provide advice on the sale of ASC?

Answer:

The Australian Government has appointed Carnegie, Wylie & Company to provide commercial advice to the Government on a range of issues associated with the naval shipbuilding and repair sector and the Australian Submarine Corporation. This includes advice on implementing the naval shipbuilding programme contained in the November 2003 Defence Capability Review, progressing the sale of the Australian Submarine Corporation and other matters relating to the Naval Shipbuilding and Repair Sector Strategic Plan.

Date: 25 March 2004
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Question: F34.2

Outcome 2 Improved and More Efficient Government Operations

Output 2.1.1 Government Business Enterprises Ownership and Divestment

Topic: Australian Submarine Corporation

Hansard page: N/A

Written Question on Notice: 17 February 2004

Senator Conroy asked:

How much are Wylie being paid to provide advice on the sale of the ASC?

Answer:

Carnegie, Wylie & Company will receive a fixed fee of \$200,000 (inclusive of GST), plus disbursements for travel and accommodation. The Carnegie, Wylie and Company report will cover a range of issues relating to the naval shipbuilding program contained in the November 2004 Defence Capability Review, progressing the sale of the Australian Submarine Corporation and other matters related to the August 2002 Naval Shipbuilding and Repair Sector Plan.

Date: 25 March 2004
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Question: F34.3

Outcome 2 Improved and More Efficient Government Operations

Output 2.1.1 Government Business Enterprises Ownership and Divestment

Topic: Australian Submarine Corporation

Hansard page: N/A

Written Question on Notice: 17 February 2004

Senator Conroy asked:

What are Wylie's terms of reference?

Answer:

As the independent review by Carnegie, Wylie & Company is an internal Government review of Naval Shipbuilding and Repair Sector issues and the Government's ownership of the Australian Submarine Corporation, it is not intended that the Terms of Reference be released publicly. However, as noted in the attached joint press release issued by the Minister for Defence and myself on 15 January 2004, the review seeks commercial advice on:

- implementing the naval shipbuilding programme contained in the November 2003 Defence Capability Review, which includes: the acquisition of three Air Warfare Destroyers; two large amphibious vessels; one sea lift ship and one operating oiler to be refitted in Australia;
- progressing the sale of the Australian Submarine Corporation, which provides through life support and maintenance of the Commonwealth's Collins Class submarine fleet; and
- other matters relating to the Naval Shipbuilding and Repair Sector Strategic Plan that was developed by Defence in consultation with industry and released in August 2002.

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JOINT MEDIA RELEASE

Senator Nick Minchin
Minister for Finance and Administration
Deputy Leader of the Government in the Senate

15 January 2004

Senator The Hon Robert Hill
Minister for Defence
Leader of the Government in the Senate

01/2004

Expert to provide commercial advice on the Naval Shipbuilding and Repair Sector and the Australian Submarine Corporation

The Minister for Finance and Administration, Senator Nick Minchin, and the Minister for Defence, Senator Robert Hill, today announced the appointment of Mr John Wylie of Carnegie, Wylie & Company to provide commercial advice to the Government on a range of issues associated with the naval shipbuilding and repair sector and the Australian Submarine Corporation (ASC).

Mr Wylie will provide the Government with commercial advice on:

- implementing the naval shipbuilding program contained in last November's Defence Capability Review (DCR), which includes the acquisition of 3 Air Warfare Destroyers; two large amphibious vessels; one sea lift ship and one operating oiler to be refitted in Australia;
- progressing the sale of the ASC, which provides through life support and maintenance of the Commonwealth's Collins Class submarine fleet; and
- other matters relating to the Naval Shipbuilding and Repair Sector Strategic Plan that was developed by Defence in consultation with industry and released in August 2002.

Mr Wylie's appointment underlines the Government's intention to proceed with these matters as priority issues.

Mr Wylie was appointed following a select tender process conducted by the Department of Finance and Administration (Finance) and the Department of Defence (Defence).

Currently the principal of the consulting and investment house Carnegie, Wylie and Company and the former Chair of Credit Suisse First Boston (Australia), Mr Wylie will draw on his considerable government, commercial and industry experience to assist the Australian Government in this matter.

Mr Wylie will report jointly to the Ministers for Finance and Administration and Defence in late March, with the Government to subsequently consider his advice.

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In conducting the review Mr Wylie will work closely with Finance and Defence and will consult with relevant stakeholders.

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Question: F34.4

Outcome 2 Improved and More Efficient Government Operations

Output 2.1.1 Government Business Enterprises Ownership and Divestment

Topic: Australian Submarine Corporation

Hansard page: N/A

Written Question on Notice: 17 February 2004

Senator Conroy asked:

Is the scope of their advice different to that of the ASC scoping study, and previous studies? In what way?

Answer:

The scope of the Carnegie, Wylie & Company review is different to that of the 2000 Australian Submarine Corporation scoping study regarding the future ownership options for the company and also different to previous studies.

The Carnegie, Wylie & Company review builds on previous work undertaken and will provide commercial advice to the Minister for Defence and myself on a range of issues associated with the naval shipbuilding and repair sector and the Australian Submarine Corporation.

Previous reviews of the Australian Submarine Corporation focused on the Australian Submarine Corporation's business and ownership issues.

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Question: F34.5

Outcome 2 Improved and More Efficient Government Operations

Output 2.1.1 Government Business Enterprises Ownership and Divestment

Topic: Australian Submarine Corporation

Hansard page: N/A

Written Question on Notice: 17 February 2004

Senator Conroy asked:

How long has the Commonwealth been negotiating with Kockums on the issue of the Collins Class intellectual property?

Answer:

The Australian Government has been discussing the Collins Class intellectual property issue with the Australian Submarine Corporation and Kockums, with a view to confirming the Australian Government's intellectual property rights, since mid April 2000. The Department of Defence has primary carriage of the intellectual property issue.

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Question: F35.1

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Output 2.1.1 Government Business Enterprises Ownership and Divestment

Topic: ComLand Sale – St Marys Site

Hansard page: N/A

Written Question on Notice: 17 February 2004

Senator Conroy asked:

Please provide a breakdown of the St Marys ComLand site, including:

- The size of the area to be used for residential development;
- The size of the area to be used for the proposed 'Central Park';
- The size of the area which will be handed over to the Register of the National Estate.

Answer:

Approximately 450 hectares of the 1,545 hectare St Marys site will be used for residential development.

The proposed Central Park will be approximately 100 hectares.

Approximately 850 hectares have been placed on the Register of the National Estate. In due course, this land will be handed over to the New South Wales National Parks and Wildlife Service for management as a Regional Park under the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*.

The balance of the St Marys site has been allocated for:

- commercial and industrial use to meet an employment target of 5,000 ongoing jobs on the site; and
- site infrastructure.

Date: 26 March 2004
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Question: F35.2

Outcome 2 Improved and More Efficient Government Operations

Output 2.1.1 Government Business Enterprises Ownership and Divestment

Topic: ComLand Sale – St Marys Site

Hansard page: N/A

Written Question on Notice: 17 February 2004

Senator Conroy asked:

Does the Lend Lease sale include:

- A requirement that Lend Lease develop the 100 hectare 'Central Park'?
- Who will manage the development of Central Park and its administration?
- When was this aspect of the contract negotiated?

Answer:

Lend Lease is required under the ComLand Share Sale Agreement to develop Central Park, subject to planning authority approvals.

The development of the Park will be managed by Lend Lease in consultation with the Department of Finance and Administration. It has not yet been decided who will ultimately administer the Park.

The development of a Central Park was an option under the revised St Marys Joint Venture Agreement executed between ComLand and Lend Lease in December 2002. The option was exercised by ComLand in June 2003. A detailed design concept for the Park was submitted by Lend Lease in its bid for ComLand in December 2003. The ComLand Share Sale Agreement, setting out the agreed arrangements for developing the Park, was executed on 22 January 2004.

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