

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

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Senator: Senator the Hon Abetz

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Question:

Senator ABETZ: It is the 12 per cent that undoubtedly frustrates a lot of people in the community. One assumes that the 88 per cent are the non-controversial ones. If we can move on in relation to this specific request: can you advise whether there had been any third-party consultation previously, or had it been considered previously and rejected by other officials?

Ms Leon: I do not believe there had been a previous consideration of conducting that third-party consultation and then rejecting it. I will take that on notice to confirm but I am not aware that any such prior process occurred.

Senator ABETZ: I accept that but if you could take that on notice, I would be indebted to you.

Answer:

The consultation with the third party had not been considered previously and rejected.