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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Topic: CMAX Communications change of name

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Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked: -All right. What I find really interesting is that if you do an ASIC search you would see that this company, CMAX Communications Pty Ltd, changed its name to Maximum Communications Pty Ltd on- wait for it- 22 April 2008. On 24 April you paid CMAX Communications which, on the ASIC record I have in front of me, is no longer CMAX Communications; it has another name. There is a real issue here. First of all, do you know about it?

Mr Mrdak-I was not aware of the issue of the change that you have outlined, Senator. I am happy to look at that?

Mr Mrdak-I will look at that. Obviously we would need to understand, if that has occurred, the basis on which the contract was transferred to the new entity and what rights and obligations were transferred as part of any change. I am happy to take that on notice and I will look at that issue.

Answer: The Department has received advice that the change of name from CMAX to Maximum Communications does not affect the status of the company as a legal entity, nor payments made to it by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.