

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
BUDGET ESTIMATES 2012-2013

Finance and Deregulation Portfolio

Department/Agency: Department of Finance and Deregulation

Outcome/Program: 3/3.1

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Senator: Ryan

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Question:

In relation to the Department's undertaking at Senate Estimates on Thursday 24 May to undertake an inquiry into the Bligh St office of the Hon Senator Bob Carr and its registration as a place of business for RJ Carr Pty Ltd:

- a) Has the department inquired as to whether any private business was transacted at this location?
- b) If the Department has concluded that no business took place, how did it satisfy itself of this fact?
- c) Has the Department inquired as to whether any other companies operated from these premises, used it as a business address?
- d) Has the Department undertaken research of relevant government and private databases (eg ASIC registration data) as part of this investigation?

Answer:

Finance is currently reviewing the use of the premises from the time it became the electorate office for Senator Carr, consistent with the Minchin protocol concerning alleged misuse of entitlements by Senators and Members of Parliament.