

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Finance and Administration Portfolio**

**Department of Finance and Administration**

Supplementary Estimates Hearings 2002-2003 – 20 November 2002

**Question: F44**

**Programme 10 (former Office of Asset Sales and IT Outsourcing), Outcome 2**

**Topic: Health Group IT Outsourcing**

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**Senator Lundy asked:**

In evidence provided to this committee at the time by Mr Ross Smith—during Senate estimates in early 2000—it was made very clear that OASITO had in fact embarked upon a probity audit process. This was found not to be the case by the Audit Office. They specifically found that there had been no appropriately constructed probity report into the incident, and that contributed, obviously, to their serious findings. Further to that, the department of finance, having been asked for a copy of that probity report, set about investigating internally within the department the probity issues and preparing a probity evaluation and report. Can you tell me the date upon which the department of finance began to prepare its own probity report into the matter?

**Answer:**

The Department of Finance and Administration began to prepare its audit report on 16 July 2001.