

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee —Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearing—October 2012

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: **Security incident review**
Question: **166**
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Senator RONALDSON: ... I want you, please, to take on notice Ms Walsh's expertise in relation to these areas and come back to the committee with that.

Answer

Ms Carolyn Walsh has 25 years' experience in industry policy, transport systems, and safety and regulation. She has represented the Australian and NSW Governments in national and international fora, including as Minister-Counsellor, Industry, Science and Technology at the High Commission in London from 1996-99.

In the Commonwealth public service, Ms Walsh provided policy advice and managed industry development programs in the areas of small business, science and innovation. She also provided advice on sectoral reforms in the steel, automotive, food and wood and paper products industries.

In 2000, Ms Walsh joined the NSW public service, working in transport (especially rail) policy and regulation. In the wake of the 2003 rail tragedy at Waterfall, Carolyn led a project team to establish the Independent Transport Safety and Reliability Regulator, and was its Chief Executive from January 2004 until May 2009. In that capacity, she administered the *NSW Rail Safety Act 2008* and provided policy advice to the Government on the reliability and sustainability of publicly funded rail, bus and ferry services.

Ms Walsh is currently a Commissioner of the Australian Transport Safety Bureau and the President of Palliative Care NSW. She is the Chair or member of a number of NSW Government agency Audit and Risk Committees.

Ms Walsh has a Bachelor of Economics degree and qualifications in risk management and auditing. She is also a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.