

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
NATIONAL CAPITAL AUTHORITY

Question No. 142

Senator Brown asked the following question at the hearing on 8 February 2010:

Regarding the ASIO building:

- a) When did the NCA first see the plans for the design, footprint and height of the ASIO building?
- b) Did the NCA suggest any other sites for the building at any stage of the process?
- c) On what dates was the NCA notified of any changes to the building plans for the ASIO building?
- d) Were these notifications informing the NCA of changes to the plans or asking for responses to changes?
- e) How many times did the NCA request changes to the plans? How many of these requests were adopted?

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

- a) Officers of the NCA were briefed on the proposed design for the building as design development occurred during 2007 and the first half of 2008.
- b) Yes. During the analysis of site options, the NCA suggested sites other than the final one selected.
- c) As with all projects, the NCA has regular meetings with project representatives. At these meetings any minor modifications to the design are discussed.
- d) Minor modifications to the design have occurred as the result of NCA requests, emerging design issues or on site construction issues.
- e) Refer to answer (c) above.