

Department of Finance

Response to Question on Notice

SENATE ECONOMICS REFERENCES COMMITTEE

Naval shipbuilding public hearing

GENERAL COMMENTS

If relevant agencies can include additional general comments. Please list a Nil response otherwise.

SPECIFIC QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Questions

1. At the 20 June 2017 hearing of the Naval Shipbuilding Inquiry the CEO of DCNS Australia indicated that he had a "gentleman's agreement" with ASC in relation to "a controlled measure of transfer of personnel from one entity [ASC] to the next [DCNS]".
 - a. Can ASC confirm that it has made such an agreement with DCNS?
 - b. On what date was the agreement made?
 - c. Please provide the status of this agreement and the force that ASC gives it?
 - d. Please provide a copy of this agreement to the Committee?
2. Please provide the committee with details of the following:
 - a. Dates of all meetings between ASC executives and DCNS (or subsidiary company) executives since the commencement of the Submarine Competitive Evaluations Process.
 - b. The purpose for each meeting. (please ensure this answers also indicates if the "gentleman's agreement", referred to in question 1, was discussed)
3. On what date did ASC become aware that they would not have any substantive involvement in the future submarine project?
 - a. Was the Shareholder Minister informed of this?
 - b. If so, on what date?
4. On what date did ASC become aware that its workforce would be "absorbed" or "consumed" by DCNS?
 - a. Was the Shareholder Minister informed of this?
 - b. If so, on what date?
5. On what date does ASC anticipate its workforce being "absorbed" or "consumed" by DCNS?
 - a. Has the Shareholder Minister been informed of this date?
 - b. If so, on what date?

Response

The response should address the substance and intent of the Question on Notice, concisely and in plain English.

Where there are responses to a Question on Notice from more than one agency, state the agency name followed by its response under each QoN. Agencies can provide a joint response where this makes sense in light of shared responsibilities for a matter.

Date as cleared:	
Cleared by (Deputy Secretary or agency equivalent):	
Group/Agency:	
Contact Officer and Branch (FAS/AS or agency equivalent):	
Telephone No:	
Consultation:	

Minister Agreed / Please Resubmit

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