

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 10 - Sport and Recreation

Topic: FFA/World Cup Bid

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Xenophon, Nick

Question:

It's been reported in the Fairfax on 27 Sept 2015, that FFA consultant Peter Hargitay was paid \$1.45 million of Commonwealth funds to devise Australia's 2022 World Cup bid, at the same time as being paid \$500,000 by the driving force of Qatar's successful bid - former Asian Football Confederation president Mohamed Bin Hammam. I do understand this was for Bin Hammam's campaign for a seat on a FIFA committee – not for the Qatar WC bid. Is the Commission concerned about this and has it examined the efficacy of this arrangement in its internal records or sought further information from FFA?

Answer:

The Australian Government made clear to Football Federation Australia (FFA) its obligations and requirements for the use of contractors and use of Commonwealth funds, and that parties contracted by FFA using Commonwealth funds operated in accordance with the Australian Public Service Code of Conduct. The Code of Conduct includes provisions in relation to conflicts of interests.