

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Budget Estimates

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Question: BET 663

Topic: Protective Security Policy Framework

Written: 17 June 2013

Senator BUSHBY asked:

663. Provide an update for your department/agency, including what is your current compliance level, what are you doing to manage risk, what is being done to comply with the mandatory requirements and details of any department/agency specific policies and procedures.

Answer:

663. In April 2012 the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) commenced a review of its compliance with the mandatory requirements of the Australian Government Protective Security Policy Framework (PSPF). This review concluded that the ABS complied with all applicable mandatory requirements in the PSPF.

The ABS completed the implementation of the new Australian Government Security Classification System on 27 May 2013.

The ABS Annual Report 2011-12 at Chapter 9 (Corporate Governance) describes the senior management committees, including the Protective Security Management Committee, and its oversight of the ABS' comprehensive security framework.