

Senate Economics Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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2016 - 2017

Division/Agency: Australian Bureau of Statistics

Question No: 34

Topic: 2016 Census – liability waivers

Reference: Written

Senator: Ketter, Chris

Question:

1) Did IBM, or their subcontractors, have liability waivers in their contracts to operate the Census?

Answer:

1) Yes, the contract with IBM includes a cap on liability clause. The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) does not have visibility of the commercial arrangements, including contract clauses, between IBM and its suppliers.