

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES 2014-15

Finance Portfolio

Department/Agency: Department of Finance

Outcome/Program: General

Topic: Legal advice on above-the-line voting in the Senate - Finance

Senator: Leyonhjelm

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Question:

1. Is the Department in possession of legal advice covering the constitutionality of above-the-line voting in the Senate? If so, what is this advice, and can the advice be provided to the Committee?
2. Is the Department in possession of legal advice regarding the constitutionality of not allowing parties that have failed to reach a threshold primary vote from receiving preferences in Senate voting? If so, what is this advice, and can the advice be provided to the Committee?

Answer:

1. No.
2. No.