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Senator: Xenophon

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Question:

Senator XENOPHON: But have you had discussions with any of your colleagues about the likelihood of WA being part of the OPV process—bidding for the OPVs?

Senator Cormann: I have to take on notice the specifics. What I can say is that I have had representations from members and senators in Western Australia about the opportunity for shipbuilding businesses in Western Australia to participate in the program of work that is coming over the horizon. To what extent that was specific to the extent that you have asked me in your question I cannot specifically recollect. I will have to take that on notice.

Answer:

I have had representations from members and senators from around the country, including Western Australia and South Australia, about the opportunity for shipbuilding and supply chain businesses in their states to participate in the program of work that is coming as part of the naval shipbuilding plan.

Defence procurement processes are managed by the Department of Defence and I do not have any involvement in these processes. Despite this fact, to ensure there is no risk to the probity of these processes I do not engage in discussions regarding individual procurements with any stakeholders, including parliamentarians.