

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Question:

What advice has the government obtained in relation to the Future Fund's investment in companies that manufacture nuclear weapons?

- a) On which dates and by whom has advice been sought and received?
- b) In the event that multiple pieces of advice have been provided or sought, what were the reasons for this?
- c) In the event that multiple pieces of advice have been provided or sought, did these pieces of advice conflict with each other? If so, in what ways did the advice differ?
- d) Can you provide copies of all advice and received on the issue of the Future Fund's investment in companies that manufacture nuclear weapons including but not limited to, advice provided the Attorney-General's Department and Office of International Law, DFAT, the Solicitor-General, the and the Australian Government Solicitor

Answer:

The Government is satisfied that the Future Fund is making investments consistent with Australian domestic law and Australia's obligations under international conventions.