

Senate Economics Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Additional Estimates, 16 February 2006

Question: AT 19

Topic: *Provide copies of correspondence to the DPP for the last two years*

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Senator WONG asked:

How often would you write to the DPP?

Mr Lucy— Once or twice a year.

Senator WONG—Are you able to provide copies of that correspondence over the last two years?

Mr Lucy—I will take that on notice.

Answer:

The Chairman of ASIC has written to the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions, Mr Damian Bugg on three occasions in the past two years.

In ASIC's view it is not in the public interest or the interests of justice that the matters contained in these letters should be made public. Further, there is a need for ASIC and the CDPP to be able to communicate in relation to specific operational matters in a robust and open fashion, the communication of which would be prejudiced in the event that such dealings were to be made public.