

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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**QUESTION No.** BI-98

**Senator ABETZ**—When was Dr Smith advised of the budgetary cuts to ANSTO?

**Mr Paterson**—He would have been consulted as part of the normal budget process. I cannot give you a discrete time.

**Senator EGGLESTON**—So he would have been aware of them; that is the point we are trying to make. So he must have known they were coming?

**Mr Paterson**—No, you cannot conclude that.

**Senator ABETZ**—In that case, can you tell us when he was told? You can take it on notice.

**Mr Paterson**—We will take it on notice.

**ANSWER**

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