Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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TOPIC: Ventracor

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Abetz

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Senator ABETZ—Is the government a creditor?

Ms Zielke—The department is a creditor—but an unsecured creditor—in relation to Ventracor.

Senator ABETZ—I dare say that the amount for which you are an unsecured creditor has been made public?

Ms Zielke—I do not think that the administrator has issued a list of all creditors at this stage, Senator.

Senator ABETZ—Take it on notice.

ANSWER

A contingent liability for the Commercial Ready grant of \$2.8 million is included in the Administrator's "Report to Creditors", dated 20 May 2009. The report can be obtained from the Ferrier Hodgson website: www.ferrierhodgson.com.