

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Budget Estimates, 2 June – 4 June 2009

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Senator Bushby asked:

Senator BUSHBY—I want to move on to a couple of quick questions on ABIP. In questioning earlier today I believe Senator Eggleston asked whether Treasury officials had met with a number of individuals. I think there were three individuals named?

Mr Martine—That is correct.

Senator BUSHBY—The answer was ‘no’?

Mr Martine—That is correct.

Senator BUSHBY—The minister has just moved behind. I was going to ask whether the minister had met with those individuals.

CHAIR—I think the minister will take that on notice. I am sure the officers will bring it to his attention.

Senator BUSHBY—Have Treasury officials or any government official met with members from Austcorp, who are the developers of Vision tower in Brisbane?

Mr Martine—No, we have not.

Senator BUSHBY—You have not met with the developers, either?

Mr Martine—No.

Senator BUSHBY—Has the minister met with the developers?

CHAIR—Again, we will take that on notice.

Senator BUSHBY—Have Treasury officials met with, or been in contact with, Urban Analytics Australia Property Advisory Pty Ltd or any of their representatives?

Mr Martine—No.

Senator BUSHBY—Has the minister?

CHAIR—On notice.

Senator BUSHBY—Have officials from ABIP met with, or been in contact with, Urban Analytics Australia Property Advisory Pty Ltd?

Mr Martine—ABIP, as I indicated earlier, does not actually exist yet. Mr Verwer is under contract to Treasury and has been appointed as interim CEO.

Senator BUSHBY—Has Mr Verwer—

Mr Martine—Not that I am aware of, but I can take that on notice.

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Senator BUSHBY—Has Mr Verwer met with that company, any of its representatives or any of the three

individuals that were mentioned in Senator Eggleston's questioning earlier?

Mr Martine—I can take that on notice.

Answer:

Mr Fahour does not recall meeting with:

- Urban Analytics Australia Property Advisory Pty Ltd (or any of their representatives); or
- Mr Lee Bermingham, Mr Warwick Powell or Ms Catherine Bermingham

Note: The references to 'Mr Verwer' in the transcript should be references to 'Mr Fahour'

Minister Sherry does not recall meeting with:

- Urban Analytics Australia Property Advisory Pty Ltd (or any of their representatives); or
- Mr Lee Bermingham, Mr Warwick Powell or Ms Catherine Bermingham