

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ECONOMICS QUESTION

(Supplementary Budget Estimates 20 October – 21 October)

Question: SBT 23

Topic: Storm Financial

Senator Williams asked:

As part of your investigation into Storm Financial did you access information from a computer hard drive belonging to Storm?

Did any other party have access to this hard drive?

Was this hard drive eventually returned to Storm?

Was it returned by ASIC or by another party?

If it was another party, which party was it?

Answer:

As part of its investigation, ASIC has taken possession of some computers and other computer equipment, including servers, belonging to Storm Financial. Where possible, ASIC has accessed hard drives of those computers.

Since the above hard drives (ie the computers belonging to Storm Financial) have been in ASIC's possession, they have not been accessed by any other parties. ASIC retains possession of these computers and the other computer equipment.

ASIC has also received (from the Receivers and Managers of Storm Financial) copies of forensically imaged hard disk drives of computers belonging to Storm Financial. ASIC is not in a position to confirm which parties have had access to these hard drives.

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