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SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2007-2008 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome

DEST Question No. E092_08

Senator Carr asked on 31 May 2007, EWRE Hansard page 47.

Question:

Senator CARR—Were all the submissions published?

Mr Burmester—I do not think they were. I think we have provided a couple of them to the committee in response to a question from Senator Nettle, I believe.

Senator CARR—Is there any reason why they cannot be published?

Ms McKinnon—There is no reason. We would seek the agreement of the organisation that made the submission, if you were comfortable with that. We are happy to make them available.

Answer:

SES Review

The review was an internal review and parties making submissions may not have been aware they might be made publicly available.

Two submissions were provided to Senator Nettle last year under a Freedom of Information request: from Christian Schools Australia and Mr Warwick Wilkie of William Carey Christian College. In the case of these submissions, the parties had been consulted about release and they are attached here. The submission from Associate Professor Rodney Nilsen is publicly available on the University of Wollongong's website and it is also attached.

With respect to the other submissions, the Department is writing to the parties involved and will provide copies once agreement to release has been obtained.