

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

Answers to Questions on Notice

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Question: P6 & P8

Topic: Forecourt Reconstruction

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Senator ROBERT RAY—Do you know who did the original? Who did not do it to specifications?

Senator ROBERT RAY—I am asking who did the construction work, not who supervised it—I can work that one out for myself.

Ms Penfold—I think we would have to take that question on notice. We may be able to find out..

Senator FIFIELD—Do we know that the company doing the work today is not the company that did it before?

Ms Penfold—Clearly we do not, because we do not know who the original company was. It may be that we could say that they are not, if we knew how long the current company had been in existence, but I cannot tell you anymore on that at this stage. We would have to take that on notice.

Answer:

The Parliament House Construction Authority signed a contract titled Forecourt Finishes No 31.1800.11 with Roche Bros Pty Ltd on 10 September 1985. The contract value was for \$5,905,850.

Roche Bros Pty Ltd (ABN 49 004 142 223) is now a mining company listed in QLD. They were not involved in the recent reconstruction of the forecourt. Roche Bros Pty Ltd sub-contracted the original asphalt laying in 1988 to a company called CSR Ready-mix (ABN 90 000 001 276). A company called Canberra Asphalt assisted CSR Ready Mix in this aspect of the work. It is understood that Canberra Asphalt went into liquidation some years later.

Manteena Pty Ltd project-managed the recent reconstruction project. The main contractor for the work was Dale and Hitchcock Pty Ltd. Dale and Hitchcock undertook the excavation and preparation of the foundations but subcontracted some of the work to specialist trades. They engaged

the company Norman McMahon Patches Pty Ltd (ABN 89 093 821 213) to lay the hot mix and the gravel surface.