

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Finance and Administration Portfolio

Department of Finance and Administration

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Senator Chris Evans asked:

So you were not informed in 2002 when they reached an agreement with the contractor to reduce the specifications required in the contract?

Answer:

The Department of Finance and Administration has no records to indicate it was informed of an agreement which reduced the contract specifications. This agreement would have predated the Department's increased involvement in Defence projects following the 2003 Defence Procurement Review and it is quite possible that the Department was not either consulted or informed.