

Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Finance and Administration Portfolio

Department of Finance and Administration

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Question: F2

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Topic: Act of grace payments to Iraqi citizens

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Senator Faulkner asked:

...but what I am asking you to provide the committee with is the information which was provided to your department on which the Parliamentary Secretary based his decision to approve the three payments for four individuals.

Answer:

The first act of grace payment to two injured Iraqi citizens was approved by the Departmental Delegate based on a written submission provided by Defence. Specific information regarding the substance of this submission is Defence information.

The subsequent two act of grace payments, for an injury and a death, were approved by the former and current Parliamentary Secretary respectively. Defence again provided Finance with written submissions. The necessary information regarding these incidents, as noted in the Defence submissions was provided to the Parliamentary Secretary. This included copies of relevant documents, as provided by Defence in their submission to Finance, for the Parliamentary Secretary's information. The specific information regarding the substance of these submissions is Defence information.

