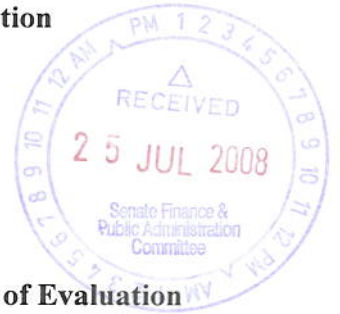


Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

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Topic: Engagement of Consultant

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Senator Abetz asked:

Regarding the engagement of a consultant for the audit of the Northern Land Council:

Was the adviser in Ms Macklin's office, Mr Dillon, the person who forwarded the name [of the consultant] to you?

Did you receive a phone call?

Answer:

The name of the consultant was provided, in a telephone call, by an officer of the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs. He advised me that the name had been suggested by the Office of the Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs. I do not recall Mr Dillon's name being mentioned as the person in that Office who suggested Mr Donald's name.