

Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

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Department of Finance and Deregulation

Finance and Deregulation Portfolio

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Senator Abetz asked:

Senator ABETZ—Can I draw to your attention, courtesy of the *Examiner* newspaper of Tuesday, 5 May 2008 ‘Parliamentary vehicle was protruding onto Batman Highway, court told’, and another heading ‘Pensioner sued over Campbell car smash’. It is quite a sizeable article. I will not trawl it all through the *Hansard*, but it is there for you to have a look at. It is quite obvious that there has not been much departmental involvement in this, if any...

Senator ABETZ—The 21st of June is the shortest day of the year and this accident in fact occurred on 22 June at 7pm, by which time it was pitch black dark...

Senator Faulkner—I do not know what facts, if any, are in dispute and cannot assist you with that. I am just being cautious, given that you have indicated to us that there is ongoing litigation.

Senator ABETZ—I can understand that caution and if MAPS can come back with whatever information they can, that would be helpful...

Senator ABETZ—Senator Cormann has kindly advised me that I referred to 2008 as the date of the media article. In the event that I did, and if MAPS are trying to source that article, I should have said 5 May 2009, not 2008.

Answer:

Ministerial and Parliamentary Services (M&PS) was contacted by Ms Campbell’s office on 23 June 2008, advising that the rear of Ms Campbell’s vehicle had been run into over the previous weekend. Ms Campbell’s office sought information about her insurance details. As the vehicle is leased from LeasePlan, M&PS provided contact details for Leaseplan’s insurer, Lumley General Insurance. M&PS has had no further involvement in the matter.