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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Senator: Johnston

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Question:

It was stated by Finance officials – Ms Mason/Ms Hall - that the Coles Phase 1 was involved in the conducting a number of interviews to gain perceptions relating to submarine sustainment.

- a) Can you explain what was meant by this comment and what relevance this has to the Coles Phase 1 Report?
- b) Can you further explain what is meant by, 'that he gained anecdotal evidence' when developing his current report – Phase2 and relevance this has in developing this particular report?

Answer:

- a) The Coles Phase 1 report was based on a series of interviews by Mr John Coles and his team, with stakeholders in Government and industry about their opinions on the submarine business in Australia. These interviews gave the Coles Review Team the 'anecdotal evidence' for the findings and recommendations in the Phase 1 Report.
- b) The second phase of the Coles Review is a more in depth evidence-based exercise to analyse the findings of Phase 1 and make recommendations for improvement in Collins Class sustainment.