

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

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**Question:**

Senator SINODINOS: Good. I have one final set of questions on Golden Dawn, a Greek political party on the far right. I refer you to an article published in the Melbourne Age on 3 April 2013 by Nino Bucci, titled "Ban sought on far-right Greek party". Can you indicate whether the department has received any representations from Australian citizens about the Golden Dawn party and their potential visit to Australia.

Dr McCarthy: I will take that on notice.

Senator SINODINOS: Okay. Could you also take on notice whether you are aware of any formal presence of that political party in Australia.

Dr McCarthy: Yes.

**Answer:**

On 22 May 2013, the Department received an email from a member of the public to the then Prime Minister regarding a media report by Dateline on Golden Dawn. The letter was referred to the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade on 22 May.

The Government has no information of Golden Dawn having opened a formal presence, such as an office in Australia.