

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Finance and Administration Portfolio**

**Department of Finance and Administration**

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**Question: 12**

**Outcome 2, Output 2.3**

**Topic: Beneficial owners and the difficulties regulators have when they are concealed**

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**Senator Murray asked:**

When you investigate matters such as the one we are talking about—but you would have investigated others—have there ever been occasions when you have asked to know who the beneficial owners are of an entity and that has been denied to you? Is it a problem you have come across, or has it not touched your shores yet?

**Answer:**

The answer provided to me by the Australian Electoral Commission is as follows;

As far as relevant staff members of the AEC can recall, provision of this information upon any request from the AEC has not been an issue.