

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

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**Question: 27A**

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**Topic: Defence Housing Authority**

**Hansard page: N/A**

**Written Question on Notice: 4 November 2003**

**Senator Forshaw asked:**

When did the scoping study of the Defence Housing Authority commence and when was it completed?

**Answer:**

The scoping study commenced in September 2002 and was completed in February 2003.

**Date: 2 December 2003**

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**Topic: Defence Housing Authority**

**Hansard page: N/A**

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**Senator Forshaw asked:**

Can the Department provide some detail on the findings and recommendations of the scoping study?

**Answer:**

The scoping study was an internal Australian Government review of its interests the Defence Housing Authority and contains sensitive commercial information, the provision of which may result in commercial harm to the Defence Housing Authority. The practice of this and past Governments since the inception of the asset sales programme is not to release scoping study reports or the findings and recommendations of such reports.

However, as mentioned in the hearings of the Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee on 29 May 2003, the scoping study made a number of recommendations aimed at improving the overall operational efficiency of the Defence Housing Authority, including that the proportion of its owned property could be reduced without compromising the operational needs of the Defence force.

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**Senator Forshaw asked:**

What were the operational efficiencies recommended by the scoping study?

**Answer:**

Please refer to the answer provided for Question 27B.

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**Senator Forshaw asked:**

Which of these recommendations have been implemented/are being implemented?

**Answer:**

Please refer to the answer provided for Question 27B.