Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

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Senator Faulkner asked:

Is there any reason why this research report could not be tabled to save a bit of time? I assume there is not.

Mr Campbell – Can I take that on notice. My advice is that it is traditional that it not be tabled until after the campaign. But I am not so sure that I would agree with that. Can I take that on notice. I have no problem, certainly in giving to the committee the very detailed outcomes of what the research showed. But, as to whether I can give you the actual report or not, I have to take advice on that. I am getting the word here that traditionally it would not be the report.

Answer:

The reports from the market research conducted in May/June 2006 are available to the Committee. In several cases individual respondents have been identified by name or position. We have blacked out such references.