Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Asked By: Senator Fierravanti-Wells

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Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS-What recommendations did you make to Health and Ageing in relation to the release of these drafts?

Mr Rimmer-I think 'recommendations' is not the right word.

Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS-What parameters, what indications, what suggestions-what did you-

Mr Rimmer-I would not want to mislead you. I think we would have to take that on notice.

Answer:

As indicated by Mr Rimmer at the October Senate Estimates hearing, the Department of Health and Ageing (DoHA) was the recipient of Mr Parnell's FOI request in relation to *A National Health and Hospitals Network for Australia's Future*. Therefore, DoHA was responsible for providing documents under this FOI request. Any request for these documents is best directed to DoHA.

DoHA consulted PM&C on the release of documents under this FOI request. PM&C advised that it did not object to the release of these documents.