

Senate Finance and Public Administration Committee

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Standing Committee**  
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Supplementary Budget Estimates, 18 October 2010

Prime Minister & Cabinet

**Department/Agency: Australian National Audit Office**

**Outcome/Output Group:**

**Topic:** Report Friday 15 October (Home Insulation)

**Senator: Bernardi**

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**Type of question:** Hansard p.105 18/10/10

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**Question:**

Tim Hollo, a staff member of the Greens, tweeted here,  
'Located a summary of the document,' at 9 am,

**Answer:**

Performance Audit Report No 12 - *Home Insulation Program* was tabled out of session in the Senate at approximately 1030hrs on 15 October.

Twitter and blog communications about the report suggested that a breach of the normal embargo arrangements had occurred.

The ANAO has conducted an investigation into the matter and established that a security mechanism in the ANAO website software had failed. This situation provided the opportunity for an unauthorised person to employ a technique to access the report before it was formally released for public access.

The system failure has since been rectified and software testing has confirmed the integrity of the system.