

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES 2011-2012

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Senator: Senator Faulkner

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Question:

With reference to Mr Asher's provision of scripted questions to a Senator ahead of a Senate Committee hearing:

Please provide the reasons for Mr Asher's description of Defence complaint-handling as 'inept'.

Answer:

The questions were scripted under Mr Asher's direction. The office is not aware of how Mr Asher formed his views in relation to Defence Complaint handling.