SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

Group 3

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Question No. 11

Senator Wright asked the following question at the hearing on 16 October 2012:

Senator WRIGHT: How much money has entered the confiscated assets account since the establishment of the task force?

Mr Lawler: Again, the ACC does not manage the confiscated assets. The department might be best placed to answer.

Senator WRIGHT: Can I ask someone who might be able to answer that? I imagine it would be fairly simple question to answer, to take that on notice.

Mr Sheehan: We will be able to answer that at nine o'clock tonight.

Senator WRIGHT: Okay.

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

The Criminal Assets Confiscation Taskforce commenced operations on 14 January 2011 in its 'interim' phase. Receipts into the Confiscated Assets Account (CAA) from 1 January 2011 until 31 December 2011 were \$35,722,269.10.

The Taskforce moved to its 'permanent' phase on 1 January 2012. Receipts into the CAA from 1 January 2012 until 30 September 2012 amounted to \$35,461,897.47.

Receipts into the CAA from 1 January 2011 until 30 September 2012 totalled \$71,184,166.57.