

Estimates Committee 2012
Questions Taken On Notice

(12/06/2012 to 21/06/2012)

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Subject: Investigate expenditure of CAAC

From: Mr John Elferink to Hon Kon Vatskalis
Department of Health

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Question:

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