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Question: AET 797-800

Topic: Government Advertising

Written: Received from Committee – 22 February 2013

Senator BUSHBY asked:

- 797. What is the total cost of all advertising for the financial year to date (22 February 2013)?
- 798. Is the advertising *campaign* or *non-campaign* advertising? Provide details of each advertising, including the program that the advertising was for, the total spend and the business that provided the advertising services.
 - a. Has the Department of Finance and Deregulation provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item.
 - b. Has the Peer Review Group (PRG) and/or Independent Communications Committee (ICC) provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item.
 - c. Did the advertising comply with the Guidelines on Information and Advertising Campaigns by Australian Government Departments and Agencies? Provide the details for each advertising item.
- 799. Provide details for any other communications program, including details of the program, the total spend and the business that provided the communication services.
- 800. What advertising campaign and non-campaign and other communications programs is the Department/Agency undertaking, or planning to undertake?

Answer:

- 797. \$40,299.
- 798. \$40,299 non-campaign advertising through Adcorp calling for submissions and input for:
 - development of the Inspector-General of Taxation (IGT) work program;
 - IGT's review into the Australian Taxation Office's (ATO)'s management of transfer pricing matters;
 - IGT's review into aspects of the ATO's use of compliance risk assessment tools;
 - IGT's review into the ATO's administration of penalties;
 - IGT's review into the ATO's compliance approach to individual taxpayers:
 - income tax refund integrity program;
 - superannuation excess contributions tax; and
 - use of data matching.

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- a. No.
- b. No.
- c. Not applicable.
- 799. Not applicable.
- 800. Nil for the remainder of 2012-13.